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SCHEMES FOR WELFARE OF MINORITIES

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of schemes being run by the Union Government for the welfare of minorities along with the details thereof;
- (b) the number of schemes out of these being implemented in Jharkhand; and
- (c) the details of funds spent thereon, scheme-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) & (b): The Government has implemented various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every section of the society including minorities especially the economically weaker and deprived sections of the society with schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana, etc. Ministry of Minority Affairs also implements programmes/schemes across the country including State of Jharkhand for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities namely Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Muslims, Parsis and Jains. The schemes/programmes implemented by the Ministry in brief are as under:

(A): Educational Empowerment Schemes:

(1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme- Scholarship is provided to minority students from Class I to X, out of which 30% scholarship are earmarked for girls.

Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme- Scholarship is provided to minority students from Class XI to PhD., out of which 30% scholarship are earmarked for girls.

Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme- Scholarship is provided to minority students for Professional and Technical courses, at Under Graduate and Post Graduate level, out of which 30% scholarship are earmarked for girls.

All the three Scholarship schemes are on boarded on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and the scholarship amount is disbursed through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

(2) Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme – Under the scheme fellowship in the form of financial assistance is provided to minority candidates who clear the UGC-NET or Joint CSIRUGC-NET examination.

(3) Naya Savera - Free Coaching and Allied Scheme - The Scheme aims to provide free coaching to students/candidates belonging to minority communities for qualifying in entrance examinations of technical/ medical professional courses and various Competitive examinations.

(4) Padho Pardesh – Under the scheme interest subsidy is provided to students of minority communities on educational loans, for overseas higher studies.

(5) Nai Udaan - Support is provided to minority candidates clearing Preliminary examination conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), State Public Service Commission (PSC), Staff Selection Commission (SSC) etc.

(B): Employment Oriented Schemes:

(6) Seekho Aur Kamao - Skill development scheme for youth of 14 - 35 years age group and aiming at providing employment and employment opportunities, improving the employability of existing workers, school dropouts etc.

(7) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development). An effective platform to provide self-employment, market and opportunity to traditional artisans and craft persons from the minority communities. Hunar Haats are being organised across the Country to provide employment opportunities and markets to artisans/craftsmen.

(8) Nai Manzil - A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts or educated in community educational institutions like Madarsas.

(9) Nai Roshni - Leadership development of women belonging to minority communities and non-minority communities (not exceeding 25% of each batch).

(C): Special Schemes

(10) Jiyo Parsi - Scheme for containing population decline of Parsis in India.

(11) Hamari Dharohar- A scheme to preserve rich heritage of minority communities of India under the overall concept of Indian culture.

(D): Infrastructure Development Programme:

(12) The Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), identified as Core of the Core Scheme by NITI Aayog, is implemented in collaboration with the States/UTs etc., with the objective of improving socio-economic condition and basic amenities in identified Minority Concentrated Areas (MCAs) mainly through gap filling in various existing CSS and through innovative projects recommended by the State Govts/UTs as per the need of the identified areas. In 2018, the areas covered under PMJVK was increased from 90 Districts originally to 308 Districts in 33 States/ UTs. The MCAs included 870 Minority Concentration Blocks (MCBs) and 321 Minority Concentration Towns (MCTs), 109 Minority Concentration District Headquarters (MCD Hqrs). PMJVK has recently been restructured and approved by the Cabinet on 19.01.2022 for continuation over the 15th Finance Commission Cycle. The Scheme is now being implemented in all Districts thereby covering every block and town of the Country.

Under the scheme, proposals are sought from the States/UTs/Central Government Organisations where the concentration of minority population is more than 25% in the catchment area (5 km radius) as per Census 2011 and subsequent Census as and when it takes place, after due certification of State Level Committee/Central Government Organisation. In States/UTs where a notified minority community is in majority, a lower cut off of 15% of the minority population other than that of the minority community in majority, is adopted for the catchment area (5 km radius) where the project is proposed. Priority sectors under the Scheme are education, health, skill development and women centric projects.

(13) Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) implements education and skill related schemes as follows:- (a) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to the economically weaker sections of Minorities (b) Gharib Nawaz Employment Scheme started in 2017-18 for providing short term job oriented skill development training to youth (c) Grant-in-aid to NGOs for infrastructure development of educational institutions.

(14) Equity to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for providing concessional loans to minorities for self-employment and income generating ventures.

The details of the schemes mentioned at S. No.(1) to (12) are available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in) and those at serial No.(13) and (14) are available on the website of MAEF (www.maef.nic.in) and NMDFC (www.nmdfc.org) respectively.

(c): Scheme-wise details of funds spent during last three years w.e.f 2018-19 to 2020-21 is given at Annexure.

Annexure referred in reply to Part (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1529 for answer on 10.02.2021

Details of funds spent from 2018-19 to 2020-21		
S.No.	Schemes	Amount Released/Utilised (Rs. in crore)
Educational Empowerment Schemes		
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship	6513.06
2	Post-Matric Scholarship	
3	Merit-cum-Means	
4	Maulana Azad National Fellowship	
5	Interest subsidy on educational loans on overseas studies	
6	Free Coaching and Allied schemes	
7	Support for students clearing Prelims-	
Employment Oriented Skill Development Schemes		
8	SeekhoaurKamao (Skill Development Initiative)	898.7
9	USTTAD (HunarHaat)	
10	NaiManzil (skill to 8th to 10th)	
11	Leadership development of Minority Women	
Infrastructure Development Scheme		
12	PradhanMantri Jan VikasKaryakaram	3946.30
Other Schemes		
13	Equity of NMDFC	725.7
14	Scheme for Containing Population Decline of Small Minority community	
15	HamariDharohar -	
16	Research/ Studies, Monitoring, Evaluation and Publicity	
17	Maulana Azad Education Foundation -	
18	Grants to SCAs of NMDFC -	
19	QuamiWaqf Board Tariquatti Scheme	
20	SahariWaqfSampatiVikasYojana	