

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STARRED QUESTION NO. *177
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2021

EMPOWERMENT OF MINORITIES

*177. SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being implemented by the Government for educational and economic empowerment of minorities at present along with the year of inception of all the schemes;
- (b) the details of the quantum of funds allocated and utilised for these schemes during the last three years, State and year-wise; and
- (c) the details of the number of beneficiaries of these schemes, scheme, year and State-wise?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRRED QUESTION NO. 177* ASKED BY SHRI M. BADRUDDIN AJMAL FOR REPLY ON 28.07.2022 REGARDING “EMPOWERMENT OF MINORITIES”.

(a) Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various schemes across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of six 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 (w.e.f.2008-09) - Scholarship is provided to minority students from Class I to X, whose family income is not more than Rs.1 Lakh per annum. 30% scholarships are earmarked for girl students.

(2) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme (2007-08) - Scholarship is provided to minority students from Class XI to Phd., whose family income is not more than Rs. 2 Lakh per annum. 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls students.

(3) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme (2007-08) - Scholarship is provided to minority students for Professional and Technical courses, at Under Graduate and Post Graduate level whose family income is not more than Rs. 2.5 Lakh per annum. 30% scholarships are earmarked for girl students.

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.

(4) Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme (w.e.f. 2009-10) – 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 and whose family income is not more than Rs. 6 lakh per annum. 30% seats are earmarked for girl students.

(5) Naya Savera - Free Coaching and Allied Scheme (w.e.f. 2006-07) - The Scheme aims to provide free coaching to students/candidates belonging to minority communities whose family income is not more than Rs. 6 lakh per annum, for qualifying in entrance examinations of technical/ medical professional courses and various Competitive examinations. 30% seats are earmarked for girl students.

(6) Padho Pardesh (w.e.f. 2013-14)– Under the scheme interest subsidy is provided to students of minority communities on educational loans, for

overseas higher studies and whose annual family income is not more than Rs. 6 lakh per annum. 35% seats are earmarked for girl students

(7) Nai Udaan (w.e.f. 2013-14) - 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. whose family income is less than Rs. 8 lakh per annum .

(B): Employment Oriented Schemes:

(8) Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) (w.e.f. 2022-23) – The 5 existing schemes of the Ministry namely Seekho aur Kamao (w.e.f. 2013-14), USTTAD (w.e.f. 2014-15), Hamari Dharohar (w.e.f. 2014-15), Nai Roshni (w.e.f. 2012-13) and Nai Manzil (w.e.f. 2016-17) have now been converged into a single scheme known as PM VIKAS. The scheme aims to improve livelihoods of minorities particularly artisan communities through skill development, education, leadership, training support, entrepreneurship interventions, supporting their business by facilitating credit and market linkages and providing new opportunities to brand and sell produce in a widened market base, created by leveraging tourism and trade circuits in the country.

(C): Special Schemes:

(9) Jiyo Parsi (w.e.f. 2013-14) - Scheme for containing population decline of Parsis in India.

(10). (i) Qaumi Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme (QWBTS) (w.e.f.2017-18)- The scheme is intended to help streamlining record keeping, introduce transparency, and to computerize the various functions/processes of the Waqf Boards.

(ii) Shahari Waqf Sampatti Vikas Yojana (SWSVY) (w.e.f.2017-18)- Under this scheme, interest free loan to various Waqf Boards and Waqf Institutions in the country for construction of economically viable buildings on the waqf land, such as commercial complexes, marriage halls, hospitals, cold storages etc.

(D): Infrastructure Development Schemes:

(11) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) (w.e.f.2008-09) - A Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), is being implemented with the objective to develop infrastructure projects in identified area. The scheme is being implemented in all Districts of the country w.e.f. financial year 2022-23.

(12) Scheme for Providing Education to Madarsas/Minorities (SPEMM)
(Transferred to Ministry of Minority Affairs w.e.f 2021-22)

Scheme for Providing Education to Madarsas/Minorities (SPEMM)” is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, which has been transferred from the Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL), M/o Education to Ministry of Minority Affairs w.e.f. 1st April, 2021. The SPEMM comprises of two schemes namely (i) Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) and (ii) Infrastructure Development in Minority Institutions (IDMI). The objective of the SPQEM scheme is inter alia, to encourage traditional institutions like Madrasas and Maktabas by giving financial assistance to introduce science, mathematics, social studies, Hindi and English in their curriculum so that academic proficiency for classes I-XII is attainable for children studying in these institutions. The process of modernization of traditional Madrasas and Maktabas is voluntary. Under IDMI, financial assistance is provided to Minority educational institutions (elementary/ secondary/senior secondary schools) as per Samagra Siksha norms to facilitate education of minorities by augmenting and strengthening school infrastructure in Minority Institutions.

(13) Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) implements education and skill related schemes as follows:-

(i) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship (w.e.f. 2003-04) – The scheme is implemented exclusively for meritorious girls belonging to minority communities studying in Classes IX to XII and having family income not more than Rs 2.0 lakh..

(ii) Grant-in-aid to PIAs for infrastructure development of educational institutions. (w.e.f. 1994-95)

(14) Equity to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for providing concessional loans to minorities for education, self-employment, income generating ventures and micro financing. (w.e.f. 1994-95). Annual family income limit:

Credit Line 1- Rs. 98000/- for Rural areas and upto Rs. 1.20 Lakh for Urban areas.

Credit Line 2- Rs. 8.00 lakh.

(b) & (c): Scheme-wise and year-wise details of the funds sanctioned/released and number of beneficiaries for various schemes during the last three years is at Annexure. Details are also available on the website of the Ministry i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

Annexure

Annexure referred in reply to Parts (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *177 for answer on 28.07.2022.

Details of physical and financial achievement for various schemes of Ministry of Minority Affairs during the last three years.

Schemes	Year					
	2019-2020		2020-2021		2021-2022	
	Fund released/ sanctioned (Rs. in crore)	No. of Beneficiaries	Fund released/ sanctioned (Rs. in crore)	No. of Beneficiaries	Fund released/ sanctioned (Rs. in crore)	No. of Beneficiaries
Pre-Matric Scholarship	1424.56	55,68,025	1192.42	52,39,964	1329.17	57,10,789
Post Matric Scholarship	482.65	7,43,141	401.3	6,63,316	465.73	7,14,797
Merit cum Means Scholarship	315.63	1,18,359	317.86	1,20,371	352.87	1,31,810
Maulana Azad National Fellowship for M.Phil/Ph.D	100.00	1251	73.50	608	74.00	1075
Naya Savera scheme for free coaching	13.97	9580	18.44	5300	37.15	5140
Nai Udaan scheme to support for UPSC/SSC/ PSC exams	8.01	1539	4.17	832	7.97	1641
Padho Pardesh scheme for financial help for overseas studies	14.43	3238	20.20	3656	22.15	4622
Begum Hazrat Mahal Scholarship for Meritorious Girls	165.20	2,95,026	137.74	2,50,424	91.60	1,65,184
Seekho Aur Kamao	175.52	80,948	190.03	23,487	266.40	No fresh allocation was made for

						2021-22.
USTTAD	54.48	10 Hunar Haats organised	56.74	7 Hunar Haats organised	76.68	11 Hunar Haats organised.
Nai Manzil	34.44	22,359	59.84	1965	48.86	5312
National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC).	602.50*	1,36,649	650.41*	1,48,856	700.00*	1,60,292
Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)	1698.29	These are community assets.	1091.94	These are community assets.	1266.87	These are community assets.

* Loan amount disbursed by NMDFC