

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3096**  
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**EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITY COMMUNITIES**

3096. SHRI DULAL CHAND GOSWAMI:  
SHRI VIJAY KUMAR:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the Government to provide education and employment opportunities for the upliftment of minority communities in Bihar during the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government provides any scholarship at the undergraduate/university level to the minorities in Bihar;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any study has been conducted by the Government regarding the actual condition of minorities in Bihar; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c) : Ministry of Minority Affairs implements the following schemes across the country including in the State of Bihar for educational empowerment and skill development of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities namely Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Muslims, Parsis and Jains :

**(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. Since 2014-15 till 2021-22, in Bihar 11.07 lakh students have been sanctioned Pre Matric Scholarship amounting to Rs.311.63 Crore.

(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. Since 2014-15 till 2021-22, in Bihar 3.44 lakh students have been sanctioned Post Matric Scholarship amounting to Rs.191.28 Crore.

(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. Since 2014-15 till 2021-22, 79,746 students in Bihar have been sanctioned scholarship under the Scheme amounting to Rs. 221.79 Crore.

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. Since 2014-15 to 2021-22, 356 Fresh scholars, besides renewal, in Bihar have been sanctioned Fellowships under the Scheme.

(5) 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. During the period 2014-15 to 2021-22, interest subsidy has been released to 52 students in Bihar.

(6) 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.

(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 not more than Rs. 8 lakh per annum.

(8) 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).

#### **(B): Employment Oriented Schemes:**

(9) Seekho Aur Kamao - Skill development scheme for youth of 14 - 45 years age group and aiming at providing employment and employment opportunities, improving the employability of existing workers, school dropouts etc.

(10) 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.

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

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

(d) & (e): Schemes being implemented by Ministry of Minority Affairs are evaluated from time to time, by independent agencies to find out the impact of the schemes across the country and wherever necessary, further changes in the schemes are carried out so as to make the schemes more efficient in implementation and in effectiveness

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