

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3147
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022

SCHOLARSHIP TO MINORITY STUDENTS

3147. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Pre-Matric and Post-Matric scholarship provided to students from minority communities in West Bengal during the financial years 2015 to 2021, religion-wise;
- (b) the details of schemes implemented at present for the welfare of minority communities in West Bengal especially in Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts; and
- (c) the details of the funds spent thereon, scheme-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The details of Pre-Matric and Post Matric scholarships provided to the students belonging to 6 notified minority communities namely, Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Sikh and Zoroastrian (Parsi) in West Bengal during the years 2015-16 to 2021-22 are given below:

Total Scholarship Sanctioned	Community-wise details						Amount of Scholarship(in ₹ Crore)
	Buddhist	Christian	Jain	Muslim	Parsi	Sikh	
Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme							
4224237	16075	78562	4270	4121587	900	2843	655.94
Post Matric Scholarship Scheme							
385231	3759	8972	830	370835	155	680	211.74

(b) & (c):The Government has implemented various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every section of the society including minorities especially the economically weaker & lesser privileged 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 for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities. 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 parental/guardian's income is not more than ₹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 parental/guardian's income is not more than ₹ 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 parental/guardian's income is not more than ₹ 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 parental/guardian's income is not more than ₹ 6 lakh per annum. 30% seats are earmarked for girl students.

(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 parental/guardian's/employed candidate's income is not more than ₹ 6 lakh per annum. 35% seats are earmarked for girl students

(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 ₹ 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 is up to ₹ 8 lakh per annum.

(8) Scheme for Providing Education to Madarasas/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 Madarasas (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 Madarasas.

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

(C): Infrastructure Development Schemes:

(13) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) - A Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), is being implemented with the objective to develop infrastructure projects in identified area. The priority sectors under PMJVK are Education, Health, Skill Development, Sports, Sanitation, Solar Energy, Women Centric projects etc.

(D): Special Schemes:

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

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

(16) (i) Qaumi Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme (QWBTS) -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)- Under this scheme, interest free loan to Waqf Boards (WBs)/Waqf Institutions is granted for construction of economically viable buildings on the waqf land.

(17) 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 pursuing Class- IX to XII whose parental/guardian's income is not more than ₹ 2 Lakh per annum.

(b) Grant-in-aid to NGOs for infrastructure development of schools working for the educationally backward minorities.

(18) 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.

The details of the schemes mentioned at S. No.(1) to (16) are available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in) and those at serial No.(17) and (18) are available on the website of MAEF (www.maef.nic.in) and NMDFC (www.nmdfc.org) respectively.

The Scheme-wise details of physical and financial achievements made in the State of West Bengal are as under:

(i) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)-The districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong were included under PMJVK from 2013-14. During 2013-14 to 2021-22, in Darjeeling District, 559 units of infrastructure set-ups viz. School buildings, Additional class rooms/laboratories/Toilets in schools, Hostels, ITIs, Anganwadi Centres etc. have been constructed with a total project cost of ₹ 7538.36 Lakh. During 2013-14 to 2021-22, in Kalimpong District, 230 infrastructure units have been constructed with total project cost of ₹ 3852.53 lakh.

(ii) Free Coaching and Allied Scheme (Naya Savera)- District-wise data is not maintained under the Naya Savera scheme. During 2015-16 to 2021-22, for coaching of 4920 students/candidates, ₹ 31.43 Crore have been spent under the Scheme in West Bengal.

(iii) Seekho Aur Kamao (Learn and Earn) Scheme - Since inception, about 4.68 lakh beneficiaries have been trained under this scheme, with 32,492 beneficiaries in West Bengal. Since inception, ₹1452.67 crore funds have been utilized.

(iv) Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD)—Since inception, 23,000 beneficiaries have been trained, with 1076 beneficiaries from West Bengal. Under this scheme, Hunar Haats are organized that provide a platform to artisans to showcase their handcrafted products across various cities. 41 Hunar Haats have also been organized so far. Since inception, ₹ 278.07 crore funds have been utilized under the scheme.

(v) Hamari Dharohar scheme- has supported works like printing of 2000 exclusive photo books highlighting the life of Guru Nanak Dev ji, organizing of 5 mushaira/ kavi sammelan, etc. Since inception, ₹ 30.68 crore have been utilized under the scheme.

(vi) Nai Roshni Scheme- Since inception, 4.35 lakh beneficiaries have been covered under this scheme, with 8850 beneficiaries from West Bengal. Since inception, funds to the tune of ₹ 111.24 crore have been utilized under the scheme.

(vii) Nai Manzil Scheme - Since inception, 98,000 beneficiaries have been trained under this scheme with an utilization of ₹448.57 crore under the scheme. Out of this, 5,900 beneficiaries have been provided education & training, with an expenditure of ₹ 24.77 crore in West Bengal so far.

(viii) Schemes implemented by NMDFC-

Under Term Loan Scheme, during 2015-16 to 2021-22, ₹ 1940.45 lakh have been disbursed as Concessional loans to 2155 beneficiaries in Darjeeling district while ₹3368.03 lakh have been disbursed to 3031 beneficiaries in Kalimpong district.

Micro Finance: During 2015-16 to 2021-22, ₹ 3477.39 lakh have been disbursed to 20,231 beneficiaries in Darjeeling district while, ₹5602.15 lakh have been disbursed to 30,159 beneficiaries in Kalimpong district.

(ix) Schemes of MAEF-

BHMNS-During 2018-19 to 2020-21, 10 students in Darjeeling district and 2 students in Kalimpong Districts have been sanctioned Scholarships to the tune of ₹ 69,000. During the years, 2015-16 to 2021-22, a total of 92,459 scholarships have been sanctioned for students of West Bengal amounting to ₹ 53.22 Crore.

Grant in Aid – Since inception, ₹ 4.24 Crore have been released to 31 Non-Government Organizations.
