

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR MINORITIES

2260. SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed any new policy changes or schemes for the welfare of minorities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of schemes being formulated by the Governmental to increase awareness regarding welfare schemes amongst the minority groups; and
- (c) the mechanism for the citizens or Non Governmental Organizations to give their feedback on the Minority Welfare policies or to participate in decision making process?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

- (a) The Ministry has launched the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PMVIKAS), which is a flagship Scheme of the Ministry, that converges five erstwhile schemes viz. 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'Nai Manzil', 'Nai Roshni', 'Hamari Dharohar' and 'USTTAD'; and focuses on upliftment of six notified minority communities through skill development; entrepreneurship and leadership of minority women; and education support for school dropouts.
- (b) & (c) The awareness campaign is carried out under the Scheme of Research / Studies, Monitoring and Evaluation of Development Schemes including Publicity of the Ministry to create awareness among the six centrally notified minority communities. The Government has taken up multi-media campaigns to spread awareness of welfare schemes meant for minorities through print and electronic media, FM Channels all over the country. Pocket booklets and pamphlets on various schemes /programmes of the Ministry are published in Hindi, English, Urdu and other regional languages. In order to directly reach out to the public, especially minority communities, and spread awareness among them, 'Hunar Haats' / 'Lok Samvardhan Parvs' have been organized at various locations. In addition, Ministry also supports conducting of workshops / seminars through Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) to create more awareness about the schemes / programmes implemented by this Ministry and for feedback on the schemes /programmes.
