

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1780
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REDUCED BUDGET ALLOCATION TO VARIOUS SCHEMES FOR MINORITIES

1780. SHRI BAPI HALDAR:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the Union Budget 2025-26, allocation have been substantially reduced or completely eliminated in several major schemes for minority communities, such as pre-matric and post-matric scholarships, free coaching scheme, madrasa modernisation and Hunar Haat and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has made these cuts after assessing the socio-economic status of the students and families benefiting under these schemes and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has announced any new inclusive or target-based scheme as an alternative to these schemes to provide opportunities for education, employment and social security to minority communities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (d): Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various schemes across the country for socio- economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities. These schemes give representation to all weaker segments of society including minorities.

The budget allocation the Ministry of Minority Affairs including its various schemes in the FY 2024-25 was Rs. 3183.24 crore, whereas in the FY 2025-26, it is Rs. 3350.00 crore.

The Free Coaching and Allied was discontinued w.e.f 2022-23. The scholarship schemes have not been approved for implementation beyond 2021-22. However, the Ministry of Minority Affairs is implementing PM-VIKAS scheme to provide opportunities for education, employment, and social security etc. to minority communities through various agencies.

PM-VIKAS scheme converges five erstwhile schemes viz. 'Seekho Aur Kamao', 'Nai Manzil', 'Nai Roshni', 'USTTAD' and 'Hamari Dharohar' schemes and focuses on upliftment of six notified minority communities through the following:

- i. Skilling and Training (Non-traditional and traditional)
- ii. Women Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- iii. Education (through National Institute of Open Schooling)
- iv. Infrastructure Development (through Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram)

Under the PM VIKAS scheme, the Ministry has sanctioned three proposals worth Rs 187.00 crore covering about 40,000 beneficiaries.

Under the PM-VIKAS scheme, the Ministry has also organising four 'Lok Samvardhan Parv', bringing together minority artisans from across India and assisting them in scaling their operations and businesses. The platform offers artisans a unique opportunity to showcase their indigenous arts, crafts, and rich cultural heritage.
