

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION DIARY NO.4527
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025

RE-ESTABLISH OF SCHEMES

4527. SHRI RAJESH NARANBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to re-establish schemes like Nai Udaan and Naya Savera which promote education among religious minorities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the budget allocation for educational scholarship schemes for minorities during the last five years, year-wise and the amount of money spent, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a)& (b): The Ministry of Minority Affairs implemented 'Nai Udaan' Scheme to provide financial support to the minority candidates who qualify in the preliminary examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Staff Selection Commission (SSC), and State Public Service Commissions (SPSCs). Further, Ministry of Minority Affairs also implemented a scheme namely "Free Coaching and Allied Scheme for the candidates/students belonging to minority communities/ Naya Savera" under which Free Coaching was provided to assist students/candidates belonging to the notified minority communities by way of special coaching for qualifying examinations for admission in technical/professional courses and competitive examination for recruitment to Group 'A, 'B' & 'C' services and other equivalent posts under the Central and State Governments including public sector undertakings, banks, railways etc. The 'Nai Udaan' and 'Naya Savera' Schemes have been discontinued w.e.f. Financial 2022-23. Further, as of now, there is no such proposal under consideration in the Ministry for re-establishing of these schemes.

(c): The Ministry has implemented the following three Scholarship schemes for the education empowerment of the six centrally notified minority communities viz. Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Parsi and Sikh:

- i) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme;
- ii) Post Matric Scholarship Scheme; and
- iii) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme.

The Schemes intend to provide financial assistance to the poor and meritorious students belonging to minority communities to enable them to pursue professional and technical courses. However, the Scholarship schemes have not been approved for implementation beyond 2021-22. The details of amount spent under these schemes, year-wise and state -wise, are available in public domain on the website of the Ministry, i.e., www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.
