

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1703
ANSWERED ON 10.12.2025

BUDGET ALLOCATION IN UNION BUDGET

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SHRI ALOK SHARMA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the total allocation for the Ministry in the Central Budget for the year 2025-26 has been increased or reduced compared to the average fund allocation during the year 2014-19;
- (b) if so, the percentage of increase or reduction along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the various major schemes or programmes of the Government affected by the significant budgetary reduction during the last two years including the impact of these reductions on their implementation;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to review and increase the budgetary provisions of minority-centred schemes in the upcoming financial year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (e): 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 of the Ministry of Minority Affairs during the year 2014-19 is as under:

S.No.	Financial Year	Budget Allocation
1.	2014-15	3734.01
2.	2015-16	3738.11
3.	2016-17	3827.25
4.	2017-18	4195.48
5.	2018-19	4700.00

The average fund allocation during 2014-19 is Rs. 4038.97 crore whereas Budget allocation for current FY 2025-26 is Rs. 3350.00 crore which represents a reduction of about 17.06% over the average annual allocation of Rs. 4038.97 crore. The reasons for reduction of the budget allocation are as under:

- i) The Scholarship schemes have not been approved for implementation beyond 2021-22.
- ii) The Free Coaching and Allied Scheme, Interest Subsidy on Educational Loan for Overseas Studies scheme, Maulana Azad National Fellowship, Nai Roshni for Minorities have been discontinued w.e.f. 2022-23.

For the FY 2025-26, no budget provision has been reduced for running schemes of the Ministry. A Budget Estimate of Rs. 1913.97 crore has been provided under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) scheme which aims for infrastructure development in minority concentrated areas during FY 2025-26 with an overall increase of about 56% over the average annual allocation of Rs. 1229.32 crore during 2014-19.

Ministry of Minority Affairs is also implementing Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) scheme to provide opportunities for education, employment, and social security etc. to minority communities through various agencies. Under the scheme, 42 projects covering about 1.40 lakh beneficiaries at the total outlay of more than Rs. 700 crore have been allocated.
