

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3211
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16/03/2016**

MADARSAS UNDER VOCATIONAL SCHEME

**3211. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:
SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:
SHRI SHIVKUMAR UDASI:**

Will the Minister of **MINORITY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps to cover Madarsas/Maktabs under the vocational scheme for +2 level of schools;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the status of the same in different States and Union Territories and the subjects likely to be taught under this scheme;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to approve Madarsas/Maktabs as the centres for skill development scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a) No Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) and (d) There is no such proposal to approve Madarsas/ Maktabs as the centres under Skill development schemes of Ministry of Minority Affairs. However, students studying in community institutions like Madarsas are also being covered under the skill development programmes being implemented by Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills (MANAS), a special purpose vehicle established through National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) on 11.11.2014 by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. It provides an integrated institutional arrangement, to meet all skill development /skill upgradation needs of the minority communities and sustainable livelihood options in terms of self-employment/wage employment opportunities with primary focus of self-employment with credit linkages. MANAS, under its innovative scheme has established temporary Skill Development Centres in traditional educational institutions of minorities, such as madarsas and other institutions, on voluntary basis, for imparting training to their students, along with other marginalized sections of minority communities, living in its neighbourhood, to provide “door step” access to skill development leading to their economic empowerment through self/ wages employment. Under this initiative, since inception altogether 19,400 trainees have been enrolled in 18 madarsas i.e. 3 madarsas in Bihar, 1 madarsa in Maharastra, 6 Madarasas in Jammu & Kashmir and 8 madarsas in Assam and other institutions in 4 states.

Further, the Ministry has launched a new scheme “Nai Manzil” in 2015-16, an integrated educational and livelihood initiative, which also aims for the benefit of the minority youth who do not have a formal school leaving certificate, *i.e.*, those in the category of school-dropouts or educated in the community education institutions like the *Madarsas*, which do not give formal school certificates, with a view to educate them along with skills and enable them to seek better employment.
