

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1807
ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026

**SCHEMES IMPLEMENTED FOR MINORITIES IN DARJEELING AND
KALIMPONG DISTRICTS**

1807. SHRI RAJU BISTA

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

(a) the details of the number of beneficiaries in Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts who have availed Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means scholarships and NMDFC loan schemes during the last five years, category-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated and utilised in the districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong under various minority welfare schemes including the Multi-Sectoral Development Project (MSDP) during the last five years; and

(c) the details of infrastructure projects sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) in West Bengal including Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Minority Affairs implements following schemes for socio-economic empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities namely Buddhists, Christians, Jains, Muslims, Parsis and Sikhs in India:

SCHOLARSHIP

Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India implements three Scholarship Schemes, i.e. Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Schemes, across the country for six notified minority communities. These three Scholarship Schemes are not in operation beyond 2021-22. However, funds have been released beyond 2021-22 as committed liabilities.

The district-wise, year-wise details of scholarships disbursed in: Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts, category-wise (last five years) are at **Annexure-A**.

NATIONAL MINORITY DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE COOPERATION (NMDFC)

National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) implements its schemes for socio-economic development of “backward sections” among the notified minority communities by providing concessional loan for self-employment income generation ventures across the country.

The fund allocated/ utilized under NMDFC's concessional credit schemes and details of beneficiaries in Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts during the last five years, category-wise, are enclosed at **Annexure - B & Annexure - C**.

PRADHAN MANTRI JAN VIKAS KARYAKRAM (PMJVK)

PMJVK erstwhile MSDP till the year 2013-14, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, is one of the flagship program of the Ministry of Minority Affairs for creation of community infrastructure in the Minority Concentration Areas of the country in the sectors viz. Health, Skill Development, Education, Women Centric Projects, Drinking Water and Supply, Sanitation, Sports, Renewable energy and Other Community Infrastructure.

PMJVK is a demand driven scheme and State/UT-wise/district-wise allocation of funds is not made under the Scheme.

PRADHAN MANTRI VIRASAT KA SAMVARDHAN (PMVIKAS)

Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) is a flagship scheme of the Ministry which converges five erstwhile schemes viz. ‘Seekho Aur Kamao’, ‘Nai Manzil’, ‘Nai Roshni’, ‘Hamari Dharohar’ and ‘USTTAD’; and focuses on socio-economic empowerment of six notified minorities in India.

A total of Rs. 877.92 crore was allocated to 59 PIAs under PM VIKAS scheme out of which an amount of Rs. 207.52 crores were released so far under the scheme. As PM VIKAS is a Central Sector Scheme; therefore, no fund allocation was made to States/ UTs under the scheme.

JIYO PARSI

Jiyo Parsi is a unique Central Sector Scheme launched in 2013-14 with the objective to reverse the declining trend of Parsi population by adopting a scientific protocol and structured interventions, stabilize their population and increase the population of Parsis in India.

Jiyo Parsi Scheme is demand-driven and is available to eligible members of the Parsi community across the country. No beneficiaries have been reported from the Darjeeling and Kalimpong district under the Jiyo Parsi Scheme.

(c) The details of infrastructure projects approved under PMJVK Scheme for Darjeeling and Kalimpong district since inception are at **Annexure D**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) & (B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1807 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026 ASKED BY
HON'BLE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SHRI RAJU BISTA REGARDING “SCHEMES IMPLEMENTED FOR MINORITIES IN DARJEELING AND KALIMPONG DISTRICTS”.

Year-wise, Scheme-wise Achievement of DARJEELING & KALIMPONG for AY 2021-22 to AY 2025-26																										
Year	District	Pre-Matric								Post-Matric								MCM								
		Muslim	Christian	Sikh	Jain	Parisi	Buddhist	Total	amount	Muslim	Christian	Sikh	Jain	Parisi	Buddhist	Total	amount	Muslim	Christian	Sikh	Jain	Parisi	Buddhist	Total	amount	
2021-22	DARJEELING	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	15600	17	33	0	1	0	38	89	781034	31	7	1	0	0	15	54	1511410	
	KALIMPONG	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	12400	1	11	0	0	0	8	20	186963	2	0	0	0	0	4	6	150810	
2022-23	DARJEELING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	0	0	0	3	13	145800	4	0	0	0	0	3	7	170000	
	KALIMPONG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	13800	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	55000	
2023-24	DARJEELING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	KALIMPONG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2024-25	DARJEELING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	KALIMPONG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2025-26	DARJEELING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	KALIMPONG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total		0	8	0	0	0	0	8	28000	21	52	0	1	0	49	123	1127597	38	7	1	0	0	23	69	1887220	

ANNEXURE-B

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DISTRICT	Name of Scheme (Term Loan/Micro Finance/Educational Loan/Virasat Scheme)	Financial Year	Amt. Allocated (in Lakhs)	Amt. Disbursed (in Lakhs)	Minority Beneficiaries Assisted
DARJEELING	Term Loan	2021-22	211.00	209.19	181
	Micro Finance		280.00	269.68	1353
	Education Loan		5.00	4.18	3
	Term Loan	2022-23	150.00	129.77	169
	Micro Finance		282.00	280.97	1444
	Education Loan		5.00	0.00	0
	Term Loan	2023-24	150.00	148.68	143
	Micro Finance		200.00	177.35	887
	Education Loan		5.50	4.22	1
	Term Loan	2024-25	150.00	60.75	71
	Micro Finance		200.00	92.83	341
	Education Loan		8.00	0.00	0
	Term Loan	2025-26	180.00	171.76	174
	Micro Finance		250.00	248.95	854
	Education Loan		17.00	14.20	4
	Term Loan	2026-27 (As on 30.06.2026)	180.00	0.00	0
	Micro Finance		250.00	0.00	0
	Education Loan		19.00	0.00	0

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DISTRICT	Name of Scheme (Term Loan/Micro Finance/Education Loan/Virasat Scheme)	Financial Year	Amt. Allocated (in Lakhs)	Amt. Disbursed (in Lakhs)	Minority Beneficiaries Assisted
KALIMPONG	Term Loan	2021-22	70.00	66.22	78
	Micro Finance		100.00	91.79	454
	Education Loan		4.50	2.12	3
	Term Loan	2022-23	50.00	39.90	83
	Micro Finance		100.00	78.10	489
	Education Loan		5.00	0.00	0
	Term Loan	2023-24	103.00	101.27	123
	Micro Finance		100.00	84.73	378
	Education Loan		5.00	0.00	0
	Term Loan	2024-25	50.00	22.23	32
	Micro Finance		150.00	130.25	423
	Education Loan		6.00	0.00	0
	Term Loan	2025-26	100.00	87.69	103
	Micro Finance		160.00	156.70	519
	Education Loan		7.00	0.00	0
	Term Loan	2026-27 (As on 30.06.2026)	100.00	0.00	0
	Micro Finance		160.00	0.00	0
	Education Loan		8.00	0.00	0

ANNEXURE – D

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Rs. in Lakh

Name of District	Name of Project	No of units approved	Total cost approved	Central share approved
Darjeeling	Additional Classrooms/ Library/ Lab/ Hall in schools	220	1616.81	1018.735
	AWC	227	1857.33	1303.65
	Community Service Centre/ Sadbhav Mandap/ Community Hall	7	490	294
	Drinking Water	40	90	45
	Health Projects	18	270	202.5
	Hostel for school/ ITI/ polytechnic	6	653.07	408.65
	ITI/ Additional Infrastructure for ITI	3	3773.66	1500
	Non Civil works- Bicycle/ furniture/ Equipment/ Training	1869	56.98095	50.64821
	Other Infrastructure in school	1	5	2.5
	School Buildings	9	108	70.2
	SMART Classroom/ Computer Lab/ Teaching Aid in school	1	6	4.5
	Working Women Hostel	1	70	42
Kalimpong	Health Projects	4	0	0
	Hostel for school/ ITI/ polytechnic	2	224	134.4
	Non Civil works- Bicycle/ furniture/ Equipment/ Training	60	5.4	5.4
	School Buildings	1	575	345
Grand Total		2465	9801.25095	5427.18321
