

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 26.07.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**SCHOLARSHIP TO MINORITY GIRLS .**

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

(a) the number of girls belonging to minority communities awarded scholarship under the Maulana Azad National Scholarship Scheme during the last three years, State-wise and;

(b) the details of the measures taken to promote education amongst the educationally backward minorities?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

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(a) and (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House. Statement referred to in reply to parts(a) and (b) of the Raiva Sabha Starred Question No. 10 for answer on 26th July, 2010.

(a): The Maulana Azad Education Foundation under its scheme of Maulana Azad Scholarship for Meritorious Girls students have distributed scholarship to 31,145 girls belonging to minority communities, during the last three years. The state-wise details are at Annex I.

(b): The Prime Minister's new 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities focuses on enhancing opportunities for education amongst other things. Under this programme, the following schemes have been implemented/launched:

(i) Improving access to school education.

(ii) Greater resources for teaching Urdu.

(iii) Modernizing Madrasa Education.

(iv) Pre-matric, Post-matric and Merit-cum-Means scholarships.

(v) Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students. In addition, the Maulana Azad Education Foundation also extends financial assistance for infrastructural development in educational institutions run by Non-Government Organizations. Further, under Free Coaching and Allied Scheme for the persons belonging to the minority communities assistance is provided to students by way of coaching for various jobs and for various entrance examinations. Besides, a special area development programme known as Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) for Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) is being implemented since 2008-09. Since then, 6749 Additional Class Rooms (ACRs), 559 school buildings, 9 Industrial Training Institutes and 34 hostels for students have been approved for construction in several Minority Concentration Districts.