

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Grants to NGOs
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether grants in any form are provided by her Ministry to the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) for minorities;
- (b) if so, the details of such grants sanctioned and released during the last three years, State, year and NGO-wise;
- (c) whether there is any monitoring mechanism for proper utilization of grants for the minority welfare;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and whether the grants allocated have been utilised by the NGO properly and the objectives for which funds were allocated have been achieved; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam. Ministry of Minority Affairs releases funds as grant in aid to the selected Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs)/ Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs)/ institutions for implementation of following schemes for welfare of minorities:

- (i) Nai Roshni, the Leadership Development Scheme of Minority Women.
- (ii) Seekho aur Kamao, a Skill Development Initiative for minorities, being implemented since 2013-14.
- (iii) Free Coaching and Allied Scheme.
- (iv) Research/Studies, Monitoring and Evaluation of Development Schemes including Publicity.

Further, Ministry established Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills (MANAS), a special purpose vehicle, on 11.11.2014 to address all skill development needs of minority communities. MANAS also provides grants to PIAs for skill and entrepreneurship development programmes.

In addition, Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), an autonomous organisation under the Ministry, also releases Grant in aid to NGOs for educational infrastructure.

(b) The State-wise and NGO-wise details of funds released during the last three years under above-mentioned schemes/programmes, is available on the website of the Ministry i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. The details of funds released by MAEF is available at www.maef.nic.in.

(c) to (e) Yes, Madam. The monitoring of the projects of the NGOs/PIAs/institutions are done by the officials of the Ministry and the State Government officials. Financial monitoring for utilisation of funds by the implementing organizations are done through Chartered Accountants. The subsequent instalments are released after submission of utilisation certificate and audited accounts by the organisations. Ministry has also launched Online Application Management System and Management Information System (OAMS) for the scheme "Nai Roshni" to bring in transparency, simplified online application procedure, curtail delays and online issue of sanctions. The OAMS provides Management Information System (MIS) of all trainees, training locations, training schedule and community-wise details, etc. in public domain. Another, Online portal for Management Information System (MIS) for Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs), trainees, trainers, location of projects, placement details, tracking of placement, etc. has also been launched by the Ministry for the scheme 'Seekho aur Kamao'.
