

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Welfare Schemes for Minorities

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various schemes under implementation for the welfare of minorities;
- (b) the funds allocated/released/spent for implementation of these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the targets fixed/achieved and the number of persons benefitted under these schemes during the above period, State/UT-wise, scheme-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for speedy implementation and to achieve the targets under the said schemes and to create awareness about such schemes?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) This Ministry implements the following schemes for the welfare of minorities:

(i) The Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) aims at improving the socio-economic condition and providing basic amenities for improving the quality of life of minorities. The State/UT wise details of fund released during the last three years and current year is at Annexure -I.

No physical targets are fixed by this Ministry under MsDP. Projects are approved on the basis of the project proposals received from the States/UTs as per their requirements. Under MsDP, assets are created for the welfare of the community as a whole and not for individuals.

(ii) Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme- The scholarship is provided to minority students studying in Class I to X in recognized Government/Private schools. Minimum 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls.

(iii) Post-matric Scholarship Scheme- The scholarship is provided to minority students studying in Class XI to Ph.D level in recognized Government/Private schools/Colleges/Institutes. Minimum 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls. The State/UT -wise details of funds released and Scholarships granted under the Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme and Post -matric Scholarship Scheme may please be seen at Annexure -II.

(iv) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme - The merit-cum-means scholarship scheme is awarded for pursuing professional and technical courses, at under-graduate and post-graduate levels, in institutions recognized by the appropriate authority. Under the scheme, 30% of these scholarships are earmarked for girl students. 85 institutes for professional and technical courses have been listed in the scheme.

The State/UT -wise details of funds released and Scholarships granted under the Scheme may please be seen at Annexure - III.

(v) Maulana Azad National Fellowship - The objective of the Fellowship is to provide integrated five year fellowships in the form of financial assistance to students from minority communities to pursue higher studies such as M.Phil and Ph.D. It is implemented through University Grants Commission (UGC). Fellowships are awarded to research students pursuing regular and full time M.Phil and Ph.D. courses.

The State/UT -wise details of funds released and Scholarships granted under the Scheme may please be seen at Annexure - IV.

(vi) Free Coaching & Allied Scheme - The objectives of the scheme are to assist students belonging to the minority communities by way of special coaching for (a) qualifying examinations for admission in technical/ professional courses such as engineering, law, medical, management, information technology etc. (b) Competitive examinations for recruitment to Group 'A' , 'B' and 'C' services and other equivalent posts under the Central and State governments including public sector undertakings, banks, insurance companies as well as autonomous bodies.

The State/UT -wise details of funds released and Scholarships granted under the Scheme may please be seen at Annexure - V.

(vii) Support to minority candidates clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC/SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC) etc. - The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial support to the minority candidates clearing prelims conducted by Union Public Service Commission, Staff Selection Commission and State Public Service Commissions to adequately equip them to compete for

appointment to Civil Services in the Union and the State Governments and to increase the representation of the minorities in the Civil Services by giving direct financial support to candidates clearing Preliminary Examination of Group A and B (Gazetted and non-Gazetted posts of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC); State Public Service Commissions (SPSCs) and Staff Selection Commission (SSC) etc.

(viii) Padho Pardesh- Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for overseas studies - The objective of the scheme is to award interest subsidy to meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections of notified minority communities so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education abroad and enhance their employability.

(ix) Jiyo Parsi- This scheme is implemented to check population decline of Parsis in India. The details of financial and physical achievements under the schemes at (vii), (viii) and (ix) above may please be seen at Annexure -VI.

(x) Seekho aur Kamao-Seekho aur Kamao is a placement linked skill development scheme for minorities. The scheme aims at upgrading the skills of minority youth in various modern/traditional skills depending upon their qualification, present economic trends and market potential, which can earn them a suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self-employment. The scheme is being implemented through selected Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) all over the country. Neither state-wise funds are allocated nor state-wise targets are fixed under the scheme. Targets and achievements under the scheme during last three years and current year are as follows:

Year Target Achievement

Financial Physical Financial Physical

(Rs. in crore) (No. of Minority Youths) (Rs. in crore) (No. of Minority Youths)

2013-14 17.00 20,000 17.00 20,164

2014-15 46.23 20,000 46.21 20,720

2015-16 192.45 1,13,000 191.96 1,23,330

2016-17 210.00 1,15,000 --

(xi) Nai Roshni - This is a Scheme for women empowerment through sensitization and leadership Development of Minority Women being implemented all over the country. The objective of the scheme is to empower and instill confidence in women, by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with Government systems, banks, and intermediaries at all levels.. The scheme is being implemented through selected NGOs all over the country. Neither state-wise funds are allocated nor are state-wise targets fixed under the scheme. Targets and achievements under the scheme during last three years and current year are as follows:

Year Target Achievement

Financial Physical Financial Physical

(Rs. in crore) (No. of Minority Women) (Rs. in crore) (No. of Minority Women)

2013-14 15.00 40,000 11.96 60,875

2014-15 14.00 40,000 14.00 71,025

2015-16 15.00 40,000 14.99 58,725

2016-17 15.00 40,000 0.78 3150

(up to 30.06.2016)

(xii) USTTAD - The scheme "Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD)" aims to preserve heritage of traditional arts/crafts of minorities and build capacity of traditional artisans/craftsmen. The scheme has been launched by the Ministry on 14.5.2015. Neither state-wise funds are allocated nor state-wise targets are fixed under the scheme. A budget of Rs. 17.00 crore has been provided for this scheme during 2015-16. Rs. 16.90 crore has been released during 2015-16. Budgetary allocation (BE) for 2016-17 is Rs. 20.00 crore.

(xiii) Nai Manzil - The Nai Manzil scheme aims to benefit the minority youths of notified Minority Communities 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 Madarasas, in order to provide them formal education and skills, and enable them to seek better, employment in the organized sector and thus to equip them for better lives.

The scheme has been approved with the cost of Rs. 650.00 crore for five years. 50% funding has to come from the World Bank. The World Bank has approved the funding of US\$ 50 million. Rs. 155.00 crore has been earmarked for 2016-17 for implementation of programme. This scheme is also significant as it combines the education as well as skills for School dropouts which will significantly enhance their employability.

(d) Regular review meetings, regional and national conferences with the officials of States/UTs are held to expedite the implementation of the Multi-Sectoral Development Programme.

This Ministry is creating awareness about the schemes through its extension activities through Directorate of Audio Visual Publicity (DAVP), All India Radio (AIR), Doordarshan and National Film Development Corporation (Digital Cinema) etc. to make the target group aware of the programme. Regional Conferences are also being held on regular basis and State visits are also undertaken by Senior Officers of the Ministry to monitor and review the implementation of the Schemes.
