

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTIONNO. *462
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2019**

Economic Development of Minority Community

***462. SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the action plan of the Government for the economic development of the minority community in the country; and
- (b) the number of students belonging to the said community who after clearing preliminary examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission, the Staff Selection Commission and the State Public Service Commission have been provided assistance under the Scheme NaiUdaan being implemented by the Government for the minority community along with the nature of the said assistance?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a)&(b): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *462 ASKED BY SHRI HAJI FAZLUR REHMAN FOR REPLY ON 25.07.2019, REGARDING 'Economic Development of Minority Community

- (a) With the view to ensure socio-economic and educational upliftment and empowerment of the six centrally notified minorities namely Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Parsi, Muslim and Christian, the Government has undertaken various schemes / initiatives. These schemes / initiatives are implemented by the Ministries / Departments of the Central Government including Ministry of Minority Affairs, throughout the country.

Details of the schemes implemented for the socio-economic and educational empowerment of six centrally notified minorities by Ministry of Minority Affairs are as under:-

- (i) **Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme** – For Class I to X.
- (ii) **Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme** – For Class XI to Ph.D.
- (iii) **Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme** – For Professional and Technical Courses.
- (iv) **Maulana Azad National Fellowship** – For M.Phil. and Ph.D
- (v) **Free Coaching and Allied Scheme (NayaSavera)** – For Competitive Examination of Professional Courses and Government Jobs.
- (vi) **“Padho Pardesh”**– Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies.
- (vii) **Nai Udaan** - Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, State Public Service Commission, etc.
- (viii) **Hamari Dharohar** - A scheme to preserve rich heritage of Indian minority communities under the overall concept of Indian Culture.
- (ix) **Jiyo Parsi** – Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community.
- (x) **Nai Roshni**–For leadership Development of Minority Women and to instill confidence.
- (xi) **Employment-oriented Skill Development Initiatives** – SeekhoAurKamao
- (xii) **Nai Manzil** – A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts.
- (xiii) **USTTAD** (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development) and organizing of HunarHaats for market and opportunity.
- (xiv) **Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram(PMJVK)**:- It is area development scheme. The Ministry has identified 1300 backward Minority Concentration Areas (MCAs) for the implementation of this scheme. It is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for creating socio-economic infrastructure as well as basic amenities for uplifting the quality of life of minorities in the MCAs.
- (xv) **Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF)** implements educational and employment related schemes:-
 - Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to the six centrally notified Minorities.
 - Gharib Nawaz Employment Training for providing short-term job oriented skill development courses to youths belonging to minority communities.

- Bridge Course for Madarsa students & school dropouts by Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh and JamiaMillialIslamia, New Delhi under NaiManzil scheme.
 - Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative.
- (xvi) **National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC)** provides concessional loans to minorities for self-employment and income generating ventures.

Further, under the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities which is an overarching programme, covering various schemes/initiatives of the participating Ministries/Departments and is implemented throughout the country. All the schemes/initiatives included in the programme are implemented by the participating Ministries /Departments, either exclusively for or by earmarking of overall physical /financial targets for minorities. The programme aims to promote education as well as social welfare of minorities by ensuring equitable share in economic activities and employment through existing and new schemes, enhanced credit support for self-employment and recruitment to State and Central Government jobs.

The details of the ongoing schemes / programmes are also available on the website of this Ministry www.minorityaffairs.gov.in; www.maef.nic.in and www.nmdfc.org.

- (b) The Ministry implements Nai Udaan scheme to provide financial assistance for preparation of civil services examination including other services examinations to students from the six centrally notified minority communities namely, Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Parsi, Muslim and Christian. Under Nai Udaan scheme, the Ministry makes direct payment to the eligible students. In the last five years, 5324 youths have been provided financial assistance for preparation of competitive examinations under the scheme.

The Naya Savera scheme of the Ministry provides free coaching to minorities to prepare for various Group A (includes Civil services examinations), B and C examinations and coaching for Medical and Technical services. Under this scheme, during the last five years, 54,664 youths have benefitted through empanelled NGOs/Institutions. The details are available on the website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.
