

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3047
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022

WELFARE SCHEMES

3047. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:
SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of total number of the welfare schemes introduced for the development of Minority communities since 2016, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the details of the fund allocation and utilization for each of the schemes during the said period, year-wise;
- (c) the details of the total number of beneficiaries under each of the schemes during the said period, year-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has received any representation to increase the allocation to the welfare schemes to benefit more people and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to formulate more comprehensive schemes for minorities especially in the field of medical and education;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard along with the details of funds allocated for the purpose and timeframe to implement the same; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The Government has implemented various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every section of the society including minorities especially the economically weaker & lesser privileged sections of the society with schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana, etc. Ministry of Minority Affairs also implements

programmes/ schemes across the country including for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities. The schemes/programmes implemented by the Ministry in brief are as under: -

(A): Educational Empowerment Schemes:

(1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme (w.e.f.2008-09) - Scholarship is provided to minority students from Class I to X, whose family income is not more than Rs.1 Lakh per annum. 30% scholarships are earmarked for girl students.

(2) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme (2007-08) - Scholarship is provided to minority students from Class XI to Phd., whose family income is not more than Rs. 2 Lakh per annum. 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls students.

(3) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme (2007-08) - Scholarship is provided to minority students for Professional and Technical courses, at Under Graduate and Post Graduate level whose family income is not more than Rs. 2.5 Lakh per annum. 30% scholarships are earmarked for girl students.

All the three Scholarship schemes are on boarded on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and the scholarship amount is disbursed through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

(4) Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme (w.e.f. 2009-10) – Under the scheme fellowship in the form of financial assistance is provided to minority candidates who clear the UGC-NET or Joint CSIRUGC-NET examination and whose family income is not more than Rs. 6 lakh per annum. 30% seats are earmarked for girl students.

(5) Padho Pardesh (w.e.f. 2013-14)– Under the scheme interest subsidy is provided to students of minority communities on educational loans, for overseas higher studies and whose annual family income is not more than Rs. 6 lakh per annum. 35% seats are earmarked for girl students

(6) Naya Savera - Free Coaching and Allied Scheme (w.e.f. 2006-07) - The Scheme aims to provide free coaching to students/candidates belonging to minority communities whose family income is not more than Rs. 6 lakh per annum, for qualifying in entrance examinations of technical/ medical professional courses and various Competitive examinations. 30% seats are earmarked for girl students.

(7) Nai Udaan (w.e.f. 2013-14) - Support is provided to minority candidates clearing Preliminary examination conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), State Public Service Commission (PSC), Staff Selection Commission (SSC) etc. whose family income is not more than Rs. 8 lakh per annum.

(8) Scheme for Providing Education to Madarasas/Minorities (SPEMM) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, which has been transferred from the Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL), M/o Education to Ministry of Minority Affairs w.e.f. 1st April, 2021. The SPEMM comprises of two schemes namely (i) Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarasas (SPQEM) and (ii) Infrastructure Development in Minority Institutions (IDMI).

(B): Employment Oriented Schemes:

(9) Seekho Aur Kamao - Skill development scheme for youth of 14 - 45 years age group and aiming at providing employment and employment opportunities, improving the employability of existing workers, school dropouts etc.

(10) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development). An effective platform to provide self-employment, market and opportunity to traditional artisans and craft persons from the minority communities. Hunar Haats are being organised across the Country to provide employment opportunities and markets to artisans/craftsmen.

(11) Nai Manzil - A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts or educated in community educational institutions like Madarasas.

(12) Nai Roshni - Leadership development of women belonging to minority communities and non-minority communities (not exceeding 25% of each batch).

(C): Infrastructure Development Scheme:

(13) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) - A Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS), is being implemented with the objective to develop infrastructure projects in identified area. The priority sectors under PMJVK are Education, Health, Skill Development, Women Centric projects etc.

(D): Special Schemes:

(14) Jiyo Parsi - Scheme for containing population decline of Parsis in India.

(15) Hamari Dharohar- A scheme to preserve rich heritage of minority communities of India under the overall concept of Indian culture.

(16) (i) Qaumi Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme (QWBTS) -The scheme is intended to help streamlining record keeping, introduce transparency, and to computerize the various functions/processes of the Waqf Boards.

(ii) Shahari Waqf Sampatti Vikas Yojana (SWSVY)- Under this scheme, interest free loan to Waqf Boards (WBs)/Waqf Institutions is granted for construction of economically viable buildings on the waqf land.

(17) Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) implements education and skill related schemes as follows:- (a) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to the economically weaker sections of Minorities (b) Grant-in-aid to NGOs for infrastructure development of educational institutions.

(18) Equity to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for providing concessional loans to minorities for education, self-employment, income generating ventures and micro financing.

The details of the schemes mentioned at S. No.(1) to (16) are available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in) and those at serial No.(17) and (18) are available on the website of MAEF (www.maef.nic.in) and NMDFC (www.nmdfc.org) respectively.

(b) & (c): Scheme- wise and year-wise details of funds allocated (RE), expenditure incurred and number of beneficiaries w.e.f. 2016-17 to 2021-22 are at Annexure I & II.

(d) : Budgetary allocation of Schemes being implemented by Ministry of Minority Affairs are assessed from time to time and accordingly allocation is made under the schemes as per requirement. Since 2014-15 to 2022-23, allocation under the schemes being implemented by the Ministry has been increased from Rs. 3711.00 crore to Rs. 5020.50 crore.

(e) to (g): Ministry of Minority Affairs implements various schemes for educational empowerment of minority communities as given in reply to part (a) above. Under Merit cum Means Scheme, the scholarship is awarded to minority students, whose family income is not more than Rs. 2.5 Lakh per annum, for pursuing professional and technical courses, including Medical courses, at under-graduate and post-graduate levels, in institutions recognized by the appropriate authority. Under the scheme, 30% Scholarships are earmarked for girl students. 85 institutes for professional and technical courses have been listed in the scheme, for which full course fee is reimbursed. Since 2014-15 till 2021-22, across the country 10,02,072 students have been sanctioned scholarships under the Merit cum Means Scheme amounting to Rs. 2690.17 Crore. Similarly, under Naya Savera scheme, free coaching to students/candidates belonging to minority communities is provided for entrance examinations of technical/ medical professional courses and various Competitive examinations. Since 2014-15, 74,684 students/candidates whose family income is not more than Rs. 6 lakh per annum, have benefited under the scheme.

Annexure I

Annexure referred in reply to Parts (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3047 for answer on 4.8.2022 regarding "Welfare Schemes".

STATEMENT SHOWING FUND ALLOCATION (REVISED ESTIMATE) AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 2016-17 to 2021-22 (Rs. in crore)													
Sl.	Name of the Scheme/ Programme	2016-17		2017-18		2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	
		RE	Expenditure	RE	Expenditure	RE	Expenditure	RE	Expenditure	RE	Expenditure	RE	Expenditure
EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT SCHEMES													
1	Pre-matric scholarship	931.00	585.94	1001.15	1108.13	1269.00	1176.20	1199.82	1324.85	1330.00	1325.54	1378.00	1350.99
2	Post matric scholarship	550.00	287.11	561.29	479.72	500.00	354.90	482.66	428.77	535.00	512.81	468.00	411.87
3	Merit cum means Scholarship	395.00	220.54	393.54	388.79	402.00	261.17	361.51	285.63	400.00	396.34	325.00	345.77
4	Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students	120.00	119.92	150.00	124.87	153.00	97.85	130.00	100.00	100.00	73.50	99.00	74.00
5	Padho Pardesh	5.32	4.00	17.00	17.00	45.00	45.00	25.00	14.43	22.00	20.19	24.00	22.15
6	Naya Savera	40.00	40.00	48.00	45.59	74.00	44.61	40.00	13.97	25.00	18.44	39.35	37.15
7	Nai Udaan	4.30	4.00	6.00	6.18	8.00	6.72	10.00	8.01	8.00	4.15	6.00	7.97

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT SCHEMES

8	Seekho aur Kamao	210.00	204.94	200.00	199.80	250.00	175.73	250.00	175.52	190.00	190.03	250.00	268.48
9	USTTAD	20.00	19.77	29.00	21.80	50.00	31.26	60.00	54.48	60.00	56.74	47.00	73.68
10	Nai Manzil	120.00	117.97	95.39	93.73	120.00	93.73	100.00	34.44	60.00	59.84	47.00	48.86
11	Nai Roshni	15.00	14.75	17.00	15.19	17.00	13.83	10.00	7.10	6.00	6.00	2.50	2.99

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

12	PMJVK	1059.00	1082.78	1200.00	1197.66	1319.99	1156.06	1588.86	1698.29	971.38	1091.94	1199.55	1266.87
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OTHER SCHEMES

13	Jiyo Parsi	1.55	1.54	3.00	3.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.86	4.00	4.00	3.00	5.00
14	Hamari Dharohar	8.00	6.60	12.00	0.64	6.00	1.64	3.00	0.70	5.20	4.55	2.00	1.66
15	Contribution to equity of NMDFC	140.00	140.00	170.00	170.00	165.03	165.00	160.00	160.00	110.00	110.00	100.00	100.00
16	Grants-in-aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation	114.00	113.00	113.01	113.00	123.76	36.00	90.00	37.50	80.00	70.92	76.00	76.00

17	Qami Wakf Boards taraqquti Scheme	13.00	10.13	12.70	10.58	16.94	11.89	15.00	11.83	9.00	0.10	10.00	6.72
18	Sahari Waqf Sampati Vikas Yojana	2.80	2.80	3.16	3.16	3.16	3.16	3.16	3.16	3.00	3.00	2.00	1.00
19	SPEMM	0.00*	0.00*	0.00*	0.00*	0.00*	0.00*	0.00*	0.00*	0.00*	0.00*	174.00	161.53

*The Scheme has been transferred from M/o Education to Ministry of Minority Affairs w.e.f. 1st April, 2021

Annexure II

Annexure referred in reply to Parts (b) & (c) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3047 for answer on 4.8.2022 regarding “ Welfare Schemes”

Year-wise details of Beneficiaries from 2016-17 to 2021-22						
State	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
	No. of Beneficiaries	No. of Beneficiaries	No. of Beneficiaries	No. of Beneficiaries	No. of Beneficiaries	No. of Beneficiaries
Pre-Matric Scholarship	4153524	5311257	5691854	5568025	5239964	5710789
Post Matric Scholarship	624990	698069	684265	743141	663316	720093
Merit cum Means Scholarship	121937	119472	117771	118359	120371	131810
Maulana Azad National Fellowship for M.Phil/Ph.D	756	756	1000	1251	608	1074
Naya Savera scheme for free coaching	8110	11862	10097	9580*	5300*	5090*
Nai Udaan scheme to support for UPSC/SSC/PSC exams	858	1427	1182	1539	832	1641
Padho Pardesh scheme for financial help for overseas studies	1781	1711	2495	3238	3656	4622
Seekho Aur Kamao	57333	51123	102263	68756	41158	77660
USTTAD	16200	-	6930	-	-	-
Nai Manzil	69840*	30140*	-	-	-	-
National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC).	108588	129489	134862	136649	148856	160320
Nai Roshni	69125	47475	50600	26625	13675	-

*Number of minority students/candidates allocated