

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *76
ANSWERED ON 07.12.2023

MINORITIES LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE

*76. KUNWAR DANISH ALI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to carry out any survey for identifying the minorities including Muslims living Below the Poverty Line (BPL) in each State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of schemes formulated for improving the economic condition of the minorities;
- (d) the details of funds allocated under these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the mechanism in place for proper implementation and monitoring of these schemes?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. *76 FOR ANSWER ON 07.12.2023 REGARDING MINORITIES LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE ASKED BY KUNWAR DANISH ALI

(a) to (e): A separate poverty assessment for minorities has not been done by the Government. The Government implements various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every section of the society including minorities. The various schemes being implemented include the 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. Also minorities belonging to EWS category can avail the benefit of ten percent reservation in employment and admission in educational institutions.

Further, the Ministry of Minority Affairs has adopted a multi pronged strategy by way of implementation of various schemes which aim at educational empowerment, employment oriented skill development, infrastructure support etc. for the upliftment of living standards of economically weaker & under privileged sections of all notified minorities. The details of the schemes are:

A. Educational Empowerment Schemes:-

(i) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme - Scholarship is provided to students studying in Class IX and X level in Government/recognized Private schools. Minimum 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income of more than ₹ 1.00 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.

(ii) Post Matric Scholarship Scheme - Scholarship is provided to students studying in Class XI to Ph.D level in Government/recognized Private schools/Colleges/Institutes. Minimum 30% scholarships are earmarked for girls. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income of more than ₹ 2.00 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.

(iii) Merit-cum-Mean based Scholarship Scheme - The scholarship 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% 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. To be eligible, students should not have annual parental/guardian's income of more than ₹ 2.50 lakh and he/she should have secured minimum 50% marks in previous class.

B. Employment oriented Schemes:-

(i) Seekho aur Kamao (SAK) scheme, started in 2013-14, and targeted to upgrade the skills of minority youth (14-45 years) in various modern/ traditional skills depending upon their qualification, prevailing economic trends, and market potential, that could earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to take up self-employment. Since inception of the scheme, about 4.68 lakh beneficiaries have been trained till date.

(ii) Nai Manzil scheme launched in 2015 with an objective to benefit the minority youth who do not have formal school leaving certificate. The scheme provided a combination of formal education (Class VIII or X) and skills and enabled the beneficiaries to seek better employment and livelihoods. Since inception of the scheme about 98,712 beneficiaries have been trained till date.

(iii) USTTAD scheme launched in 2015 and targeted capacity building and upgrading of the traditional skills of master craftsmen/ artisans. Since inception of the scheme about 21,611 beneficiaries have been trained till date.

Currently, these schemes have been converged into an integrated scheme called 'Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS)'.

C. Infrastructure Development Programme:-

Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) – The Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, with the objective to develop infrastructure projects in identified areas for socio-economic development of said areas. The priority sectors under PMJVK are Education, Health, Skill Development, Women Centric projects etc.

The details of funds allocated under the schemes is at **Annexure**.

Schemes being implemented by Ministry of Minority Affairs are evaluated from time to time, by independent agencies to find out the impact of the schemes across the country and wherever necessary, further changes in the schemes are carried out so as to make the schemes more efficient in implementation and in effectiveness.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. *76 FOR ANSWER ON 07.12.2023 REGARDING MINORITIES LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE ASKED BY KUNWAR DANISH ALI

Statement showing allocation during the FY years 2020-21 to 2023-24 (Rupees in crore)					
S.No.	Scheme	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
		RE	RE	RE	Tentative RE
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship	1330.00	1378.00	556.82	433.00
2	Post-Matric Scholarship	535.00	468.00	515.00	1065.00
3	Merit-cum-Means Scholarship	400.00	325.00	358.02	44.00
4	Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students	100.00	99.00	99.00	76.00
5	Interest subsidy on educational Loan for Overseas studies	22.00	24.00	24.00	21.00

	for students belonging to minority communities.				
6	Free Coaching & Allied Scheme for minorities	25.00	39.35	29.97	20.00
7	Support for Students Clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Services Commissions etc.	8.00	6.00	1.68	0.00
8	Education scheme for Madarsas and Minorities	0.00	174.00	30.00	5.00
9	Skill Development Initiative	190.00	250.00	100.00	0.00
10	Upgrading Skill and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD)	60.00	47.00	47.00	0.00
11	Nai Manzil	60.00	47.00	20.00	0.00
12	Contribution to equity of NMDFC	110.00	100.00	159.00	61.00
13	Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women	6.00	2.50	2.00	0.00
14	Scheme for Containing population decline of a small minority Community	4.00	3.00	5.00	3.00
15	Hamari Dharohar	5.20	2.00	2.00	0.00
16	Research/ Studies, Dissemination, Monitoring and Evaluation of development schemes for Minorities including Publicity	35.00	41.00	25.00	15.00
17	Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram (Earlier MsDP)	971.38	1199.55	500.00	293.86
18	Grants-in-aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation	80.00	76.00	0.01	0.00
19	Grants in aid to State Channelizing Agencies (SCA) engaged for implementation in NMDFC programme	1.00	2.00	2.00	3.00
20	Qaumi Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme	9.00	10.00	10.00	5.00
21	Shahri waqf sampatti Vikas Yojana	3.00	2.00	5.00	3.00
22	Secretariat	26.00	26.90	30.61	35.00
23	National Commission for Minorities	9.29	9.92	12.70	13.50
24	Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities	2.13	2.19	2.85	2.88

25	Haj Management	13.00	12.04	75.00	86.69
26	PM VIKAS				220.00
	Total	4005.00	4346.45	2612.66	2405.93