

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES FOR MUSLIM COMMUNITY
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have recently started some schemes for the development of muslim community under the auspices of Maulana Azad Foundation;
- (b) if so, the details of each scheme; and
- (c) the funds provided under these schemes during the current year, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KAILASH MEGHWAL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Maulana Azad Education Foundation has started three new schemes for the welfare of minorities. These are,
(i) Maulana Azad National Scholarship Scheme for Meritorious Girl students belonging to Minorities,
(ii) Scheme of establishment of Maulana Azad Sadhbhawna Kendras and
(iii) Maulana Azad National Literacy Awards. The details of each scheme is at Annexure-I.

(c) The budget provision for the current financial year is Rs. 1.20 crore for Maulana Azad National Scholarship Scheme for Meritorious Girl Students belonging to Minorities, Rs. 1.10 crore for Scheme of establishment of Maulana Azad Sadhbhawna Kendras and Rs. 0.10 crore for Maulana Azad National Literacy Awards.

Annexure to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1678 regarding Development Schemes for Muslim Community to be answered on 31.7.2003 put up by S/Shri C.N. Singh and Sadashivrao Dadoba Mandlik

1. Maulana Azad National Scholarship Scheme for Meritorious Girl Students belonging to Minorities.

Objective: To recognize, promote and assist meritorious Girl Students belonging to National Minorities who can not continue their education without financial support.

Purpose: Scholarship will be admissible for expenditure on payment of School/ College Fee, purchase of syllabus books, stationery and payment of Boarding/Lodging charges.

Eligibility Criteria: Girl students belonging to national minorities, i.e. Muslims, Christians, Buddhists, Sikhs and Parsis and

- (i) Family income of the student from all sources should be less than Rupees one lakh (Rs.1,00,000/-) in a year.
- (ii) Should have appeared in any of recognized Central/State Board of Secondary Education and have secured not less than 55 per cent marks in secondary school certificate examination.
- (iii) Have confirmed admission in Class-XI/Dip. Engineering/ITI.
- (iv) University/College/Institute offering admission should be recognized by the competent authority.

Number of Scholarships: 1200 scholarships @ Rs. 10,000/- each will be given.

(2) Scheme of establishment of Maulana Azad Sadhbhawna Kendras.

Objective: To create awareness about national ideas of Justice, Liberty, equality, Unity, Fraternity, Democracy, Secularism and Socialism. Infrastructure in the form of Sadbhawana Kendras would be created to promote the objective of the scheme by organizing seminars/conferences/competitions, cultural programmes and to promote the cause of education.

Amount & purpose of financial assistance : Maulana Azad Sadbhawna Kendra will be assisted by the Maulana Azad Education Foundation with a maximum grant of Rs. 10.00 lacs for construction of community Hall, Library, Office Room and Toilets and for purchase of books/furniture.

Eligibility: Universities, reputed academic and research institutes and local bodies shall be eligible to apply provided that they have a properly constituted Managing body and have capability to invest at least 10 per cent of the total cost of project. No part of funds shall be utilized towards cost of land or land development.

(3) Maulana Azad National Literacy Awards for promoting Education amongst Educationally Backward Minorities

The Award shall be given to an Institution having done commendable work to promote education amongst educationally backward Minorities.

There shall be four awards every year. Each award shall carry an amount of Rs. 1.00lakh, which will be given to an outstanding institution in each region of the country rendering yeomen services in the field of general education and technical education, particularly for girls of educationally backward minorities.