

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4344

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MAULANA AZAD EDUCATION FOUNDATION.

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of non-governmental organisations which received financial assistance from the Maulana Azad Education Foundation during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(b) whether any assessment has been made regarding the functioning of MAEF;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the corrective measures initiated by the Government in this regard;and

(d) the other steps taken by the Union Government to implement educational schemes and plans for the benefits of the educationally backward minorities?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SALMAN KHURSHID)

(a): During the last three years, and the current year, the Maulana Azad Education Foundation(MAEF) has sanctioned financial assistance to 280 Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) amounting to Rs.37.25crore. Year wise break up is as under:-

Year	Number of NGOs	Amount (Rs.in crore)
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2007-08	51	6.60
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2008-09	124	17.28
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2009-10	105	13.36
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2010-11	NIL	0.00
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State-wise list is given at Annex-I.

(b) and (c): Yes Madam. Evaluation studies by Indian Institute of Public Opinion and Organization and Research Group (ORG) Private Limited were carried out in the years 1999 and 2006 respectively. Broadly, these agencies, inter alia, recommended enhancement of corpus fund of MAEF, computerization of vital data, proper utilization of funds etc.

Based on these recommendations, the size of the corpus fund of the Foundation has been enhanced, the major activities in the organization have been computerized and monitoring and inspecting procedure has been streamlined.

(d): The Prime Minister's new 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities focuses on enhancing opportunities for education amongst other things. Under this programme, the following educational schemes have been implemented/launched:

(i) Improving access to School Education.

(ii) Greater Resources for teaching Urdu.

(iii) Modernizing Madrasa Education.

(iv) Pre-matric, Post-matric and Merit-cum-Means scholarships are being provided to encourage students belonging to minority communities to pursue studies at primary level and at higher level. Under Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students,

fellowship in the form of financial assistance is to be provided to students belonging to minority communities to pursue higher studies such as M.Phil and Ph.D.

In addition, scholarships are provided to girls students under Maulana Azad National Scholarships for Meritorious Girl Students. The Maulana Azad Education Foundation also extends financial assistance for infrastructural development in educational institutions run by Non-Government Organizations.

Further, under Free Coaching and Allied Scheme for the persons belonging to the minority communities assistance is provided to students by way of coaching for various jobs and for various entrance examinations.