

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUND ALLOCATION FOR TRAINING OF MINORITY WOMEN

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the special programmes being run for muslim girls in various states particularly in Gujarat by the Governments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount spent in Gujarat for the said purpose during last three years, district-wise and year-wise;
- (d) the amount earmarked for current financial year;
- (e) the funds allocated for the skill development and self employment oriented training to minority women during last two years state-wise; and
- (f) the amount spent in Poorvanchal area of Uttar Pradesh out of the allocated funds?

Answer

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

(a) to (f) Under the Pre-matric, Post-matric and Merit-cum-means based scholarship schemes of the Central Government for the meritorious students of minority communities, 30 % of the scholarships are earmarked for minority girl students including Muslim girls. For students under these schemes, eligibility is based on securing 50% marks in previous final examination and parental income not exceeding a specified limit-Rs.1.00 lakh for pre matric, Rs. 2.00 lakh for post matric and Rs. 2.5 lakh for merit cum means. The detailed guidelines are available on the Ministry's website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in Out of these three schemes, Gujarat is implementing only the Post-matric and Merit-cum-means based scholarship schemes . Besides, the Maulana Azad National Scholarship Scheme is being implemented by Maulana Azad Education Foundation exclusively for meritorious minority girl students. The financial and physical achievements of the Post-matric, Merit-cum- means based scholarship schemes and Maulana Azad National Scholarship scheme implemented in Gujarat during the last three years and in 2010-11 appear at Annex-1. District wise financial figures are not maintained in the Ministry.

The Central Government has launched a scheme for Leadership Development of Minority women from 2010-11 with a provision of Rs 15 crore for leadership training of 56,850 women for implementation throughout the country including Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh. The implementation of the scheme has not started.

Under the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), no special programmes are being run for Muslim girls. However, the NMDFC provides term loan to individuals, including women, through its State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) and micro-credit to the poorest of poor among the minorities organised into Self Help Groups (SHGs) throughout the country, including Gujarat. The details of state wise funds allocated for the skill development and self employment oriented training during last two years are enclosed at Annex-2. These figures of allocation and expenditure are maintained State wise. During the financial year 2010-11, Rs. 22.50 lakhs have been disbursed for this programme in Uttar Pradesh.