

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MINORITIES LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether various development schemes have benefited minorities;
- (b) if so, the number of persons/families belonging to minority communities living Below Poverty Line who have crossed the poverty line during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to further improve the condition of minority?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Madam. The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities was recast in June, 2006. An important aim of the new programme is to ensure that the benefits of various government schemes for the underprivileged reach the disadvantaged sections of the minority communities. It provides that, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes should be earmarked for minorities under the programme. Schemes for persons/ families living below the poverty line where targets have been fixed for minorities under the new programme are Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) and Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY). The benefits given to persons/families living below the poverty line from the minority communities under the new programme since 2007-08 are given below:-

s. No. Name of the scheme 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

1. IAY 155980 284775 543413

2. SJSRY Micro enterprise 25745 30574 1764

(a) USEP

(b) STEP-UP Skill Training 41466 37179 30416

3. SGSY 143385 275121 177165

The Ministry of Minority Affairs is implementing several schemes for the benefits of minorities and these are:-

1. Educational schemes of Maulana Azad Education Foundation.
2. Schemes of National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for economic upliftment.
3. Grant-in-aid to State Channelising Agencies (SCA) engaged in implementation of NMDFC schemes.
4. Free Coaching & Allied Schemes.
5. Merit-cum-Means scholarship for professional and technical courses.
6. Pre-matric scholarships.
7. Post-matric scholarships.

8. Maulana Azad National Fellowship.
9. Multi-sectoral Development Programme for minority concentration districts.
10. Computerization of Records of State Waqf Boards.
11. Leadership Development of minority women.