

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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COMPUTER EDUCATION TO MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to facilitate computer education and self-employment based education to minority community particularly women;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) the schemes at present being run or funded for this purpose by different institutions of the Government; and
- (d) the future strategy chalked out by the Government for development of women of minority community in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The various schemes to facilitate computer education and self-employment based education to persons belonging to minority communities, including women, are as under:-

(1) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), a Public Sector Enterprise under Ministry of Minority Affairs, extends Educational Loan through its State Channelising Agencies for pursuing technical and professional courses, including computer education. NMDFC also provides loans to persons belonging to minorities, living below double the poverty line, for undertaking self employment and income generating activities. Besides, the micro financing scheme of NMDFC specifically focuses on women belonging to minority communities organized into Self Help Groups (SHGs). NMDFC is also running a scheme namely Mahila Samridhi Yojana, exclusively for women. This scheme provides training cum credit to poor women from minority communities. Till 30.06.2009, NMDFC had extended loans of Rs. 1232.78 crores to 4,44,465 beneficiaries.

(2) Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), a registered society under the administrative control of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, is implementing a scheme of scholarship for girl students belonging to minority communities. The details of the scheme are available on its website www.maef.nic.in.

MAEF is also running a Vocational Training Centre for women. At this centre free training is provided to girls in different vocational courses which include computer courses also.

(3) Directorate General of Employment and Training, Ministry of Labour & Employment is implementing Craftsman Training Scheme. The scheme is being implemented through Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs)/Industrial Training Centres (ITCs) spread all over the country. There are 6906 ITIs/ITCs having a seating capacity of 9.53 lakh. The training is available for various trades. 30% seats are reserved for women candidates.

(4) National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and Government of Bihar have jointly launched "HUNAR", a scheme of vocational education for the Muslim girls. 13000 girls have been trained in 2008-09, the first year of the scheme. There is a target to train 50000 girls in 2009-10 by NIOS.

(5) National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language (NCPUL) has started one-year Diploma in Computer Application and Multilingual DTP Course under which till date 23,712 women belonging to minority communities have been trained and presently 5,772 muslim women are pursuing the said course.

(6) Besides the above schemes, the Ministry of Minority Affairs also implements various scholarship schemes for persons belong to minority communities viz. Pre -Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means Scholarships in which there is 30% earmarking for girls. Ministry is also implementing a Coaching and Allied Scheme.

(d) The future strategy for development of minority women has been processed as per approved modalities.