

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SOCIO ECONOMIC CONDITION OF MINORITIES

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes/programmes being implemented for upliftment of minorities;
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilized for the purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise and State-wise;
- (c) whether any survey/assessment has been made in respect of development of socio-economic condition of minorities in the backward regions;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether comprehensive campaign and awareness have been initiated for these schemes; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

A Statement referred in the reply to (a) to (f) for Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No 2570 asked by Shri Ashok Tanwar, Shri Ramsundar Das, Shri Ahir Vikrambhai Arjanbahi Maadam and Dr Rattan Singh Ajnala regarding Socio-Economic Condition of Minorities to be answered on 29th March 2012.

(a) The following schemes are implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs for the upliftment of minorities:

(i) Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme:-Under this Scheme, scholarships are awarded to minority students who have secured not less than 50% marks in the previous final examination and the annual income of their parents/ guardian from all sources does not exceed Rs. 1.00 lakh.

(ii) Post-matric Scholarship Scheme:- Under this Scheme, scholarships are awarded to minority students who have secured not less than 50% marks or equivalent grade in the previous final examination and the annual income of whose parents/ guardian from all sources does not exceed Rs.2.00 lakh.

(iii) Maulana Azad National Fellowship For Minority Students:-The objective of the Fellowship is to provide integrated five year fellowships in the form of financial assistance to minority students to pursue higher studies such as M.Phil and Ph.D. The Fellowship covers all Universities/ Institutions recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC).

(iv) Merit-cum Means based Scholarship: The Merit-cum Means based Scholarship Scheme provides financial assistance to the poor and meritorious minority students at graduate and post-graduate levels.

(v) Free Coaching and Allied Scheme: Under the scheme candidates belonging to the minority students, financial assistance to the coaching institutes in Government and the private sector for imparting free coaching/ training to these candidates for Competitive Exams, Information Technology, Remedial coaching and other employment oriented courses etc.

(vi) National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) implements the micro financing scheme which specifically focuses on women belonging to minority community Self Help Groups (SHGs). Under skill development, NMDFC is implementing the Scheme of Mahila Samridhi Yojana exclusively for women. This scheme is meant for providing training cum credit for poor minority women. Under the NMDFC skill development programme including Mahila Samridhi Yojana, instead of allocation of funds, targets are assigned in terms of number of persons to be trained.

The National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) also extends concessional loans for self employment and income generating activities to the persons belonging to minority communities. Under the term loan scheme of NMDFC, loans are extended to the individuals belonging to Minorities to the tune of maximum Rs. 5.00 Lakhs. NMDFC has a scheme of Vocational

Training where 85% grant of the training cost to the maximum of Rs. 1,000 per month per candidate for courses of maximum duration of 6 months plus a stipend of Rs. 500 per month is given to the candidates.

(vii) Multi sectoral Development Programme (MsDP): The programme aims at improving the socio-economic and basic amenities parameters for improving the quality of life of the minority communities and for reducing infrastructural deficit in the Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period. Identified 'development deficits' are addressed through a district specific plan for providing better infrastructure for education, sanitation, pucca housing, drinking water and electricity supply, besides beneficiary oriented schemes for creating income generating activities. Absolutely critical infrastructure linkages like connecting roads, basic health infrastructure, ICDS centers, skill development and marketing facilities required for improving living conditions and income generating activities and catalyzing the growth process are eligible for inclusion in the plan. The focus of this programme is on rural and semi-rural areas of the identified 90 minority concentration districts.

(b): The funds allocated, released and utilized under the various Schemes during the last three years including the current year are given below:

(i) The amount released under the Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, Post Matric Scholarship Scheme and Maulana Azad National Fellowship together with percentage of scholarships availed by girl students are at Annex I to VI.

(ii) The financial and physical achievement under the Merit -cum -Means Scholarship Scheme, Free Coaching and Allied Scheme and the NMDFC skill development programme including Mahila Samridhi Yojana is at Annex-VII.

(iv) Funds allocated, spent (disbursed) and achievements (utilization) made during the last three years under the lending schemes of term loans and micro finance of NMDFC is at Annex -VIII.

(v) The Multi-sectoral Development Programme was launched in 2008-09. Plans of all the 90 MCDs districts have been considered, of which 63 districts plans have been approved in full and 27 plans in part. An amount of Rs.2667.80 crore has been released since 2008-09 till 19th March, 2012. During the year 2011-12, Rs. 511.78 crore has been released to States/UTs up to 19th March, 2012.

The details of budgetary provisions, funds released and expenditure reported by the States/UTs for implementation of MsDP in MCDs since 2008 when funds were first released are given in the table below:-

(Rs. In Crore)

Year	RE	Actual release	Expenditure reported
	by Ministry	by States/UTs	
2008-09	280	270.85	268.75
2009-10	990	971.94	687.77
2010-11	1327.32	913.23	282.02
2011-12	1218.40	511.78	
(upto 19.03.2012)			
Total	3815.72	2667.80	1238.54

(c) & (d): There was no survey/assessment done in the last three years. However an evaluation study has been entrusted to ICSSR to evaluate the mid-term impact of the welfare schemes of the Ministry for MsDP and the Scholarship Schemes.

(e) & (f): Ministry of Minority Affairs has carried out comprehensive campaign and awareness programme in print and electronic media through the Directorate of Audio-visual Publicity (DAVP), Doordarshan (DD), All India Radio (AIR) and the National Film Development Corporation Ltd (NFDC).