

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO UNEMPLOYED YOUTHS

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides direct assistance to the unemployed youths belonging to the minority communities for their self-employment in the country;
- (b) if so, the number of persons benefitted under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) the new schemes formulated by the Government for upliftment of the minorities especially poor Muslims; and
- (d) the future strategy chalked out by the Government for the development of minority communities in the country?

Answer

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

(a): The National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, through its State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) and NGOs, provides concessional credit for socio-economic development of minorities living below double the poverty line including un-employed youth from minority communities for their self-employment. Under the PM's New 15 Point Programme assistance is also provided to minorities for various economic activities and employment including setting up of micro -enterprises to minorities by earmarking 15% of targets/ outlays for the minorities under the following schemes:

1. Aajeevika (formerly Swarnjayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana);
2. Swarana Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY); and
3. Skill Training under SJSRY.

(b): The number of persons benefitted under the Schemes of NMDFC and PM's new 15 Point Programme during the last 3 years and the current year 2012-13 is at Annexure-1.

(c): The following new schemes for the upliftment of the minorities have been proposed in the XIth Five Year Plan:

- (i) Interest subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies for the students belonging to minority communities.
- (ii) Support for students clearing Prelims Conducted by UPSC/SSC, State Public Service Commissions (PSC) etc.
- (iii) Skill Development Initiatives.

(d): Educational Empowerment, Area Development, Economic Empowerment and Strengthening of Minority Institutions are the four pronged strategy planned for the development of minority communities in the country, during the 12th Five Year Plan.