

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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QUALITY EDUCATION IN MADRASAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has any Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrasas (SPQEM) to enable muslim children attain standards of national education system in formal education subjects;
- (b) if so, the salient features of the scheme;
- (c) whether the Government provides fund to State Madrasa Boards (MB) for monitoring popularisation of the scheme;
- (d) if so, the total amount provided by the Union Government to State Governments for this purpose and objectives achieved so far;
- (e) whether the scheme require continuous evaluation system of the time; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken or being taken by Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHASHI THAROOR)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Human Resource Development has a Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrasas (SPQEM) which gives assistance to traditional institutions like Madrasas and Maktabas.

The scheme encourages traditional institutions like Madrasas and Maktabas by giving them financial assistance to introduce modern subjects as Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Hindi and English in their curriculum. Funds are also given for in-service training of teachers for teaching modern subjects. The scheme also provides for vocational training for children above 14 years of age studying in Madrasas.

Funds are also provided for strengthening the State Madarsa Boards that opt for assistance by enabling them to monitor the madrasas modernization programme and the popularization of the scheme. A total amount of Rs. 52.5 lakh has been provided to the Madrasa Boards till date.

(e) and (f) The scheme has a provision of Rs.50 lakh per year for the publicity, monitoring and evaluation of the scheme at the Ministry level. An evaluation of the scheme has been conducted in 2013-14 by Dr. K.R. Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minorities Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. The major recommendations have been incorporated in the proposal for the continuation of the scheme into the XII Plan.