

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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MAULANA AZAD TALEEM E BALIGAN SCHEME  
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**Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to launch a new scheme ' Maulana Azad Taleem-e-Baligan' to achieve higher literacy for the Muslims across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is going to launch a new scheme on the lines of HUNAR for skill development among minority girls;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the financial allocation made for these programmes; and
- (e) the time by which these programmes are likely to be implemented?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The Government has designed the Maulana Azad Taleem-e-Balighan Scheme, a target focused approach for promoting literacy, basic education, skill development and lifelong learning among the adults belonging to the minorities under the overall umbrella of Saakshar Bharat, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of the Government of India. It aims to further promote and strengthen adult education among educationally backward minorities by extending educational options to those adults, especially women, who have lost the opportunity of access to formal education and crossed the standard age for receiving such education and now feel a need of learning of any type, including, literacy, basic education, skill development and lifelong learning. This initiative will operate within the approved framework of the Saakshar Bharat, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Government of India.

(d): The scheme will have special focus on Skill Development as continuum of literacy. The National Institute of Open Schooling(NIOS) will be a major partner in the implementation of the scheme in eligible districts. The 12th Plan Outlay for the 'Saakshar Bharat' and for the 'Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Agencies for Adult Education & Skill Development' is to the tune of Rs.3000.00 crore and Rs.600.00 crore respectively. This budgetary allocation will subsume the funding for the Maulana Azad Taleem-e-Balighan Scheme.

(e): The programme will be implemented during the balance period of the 12th Five Year Plan.