

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR EDUCATED YOUTH  
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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce any new schemes to create employment opportunities for the educated youths belonging to the minority communities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has given any financial assistance for the education of the minority communities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) and (b) Ministry of Minority Affairs launched a scheme 'Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn)', a placement linked Skill Development Initiative for youths belonging to minority communities in 2013-14. The scheme ensures minimum placement of 75% trained candidates with at least 50% of them in the organized sector. Minimum 33% seats have been earmarked for minority girls/ women. The scheme is run through selected Skill Development organizations. During 2013-14, training of 20,164 minority youths was sanctioned with Rs. 17.00 crore. During 2014-15 (till 12.12.2014) an amount of Rs.34.67 crore has been sanctioned for training of 16,270 minority youths.

Further, National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry, implements lending schemes at concessional interest rates for economic empowerment of backward sections among minority communities to promote self-employment activities. Since inception of NMDFC in 1994, Rs. 2789.45 Crore have been disbursed to 10,18,675 minority beneficiaries.

(c) and (d) Ministry implements various Scholarship/ Fellowship schemes namely, Pre-Matric, Post-Matric, Merit-cum Means based scholarships, and Maulana Azad National Fellowship for the students of minority communities. There is an exclusive scholarship scheme for minority girls studying in class XI and XII which is implemented by Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), an autonomous body under the Ministry. A new scheme namely, 'Padho Pardes' has been operationalized in 2014-15 to provide interest subsidy to minority students on educational loans for overseas studies. In addition, financial assistance is also provided for free coaching to minority students to enable them to compete in competitive examinations for Professional courses and Government/ Private jobs. Financial support is also provided to students to who clear Preliminary Examination conducted by UPSC/ SSC, State Public Service Commission etc. The details of financial assistance provided under these schemes during last three years and current year are at Annexure.