GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT LOK SABHA

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IMPROVEMENT OF MINORITY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has earmarked any funds for the improvement of minority educational institutions;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of institutions benefited from this fund during the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

- (a) to (c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development implements two schemes under which funds have been earmarked for the educational empowerment of minorities, the details of which are as under:-
- (i) Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsa (SPQEM)
- (ii) Scheme for Infrastructure Development of Private Aided/Unaided Minority Institutes (IDMI) (Elementary/ Secondary/Senior Secondary Schools).

An amount of Rs. 375.00 crore has been earmarked for SPQEM and IDMI during the year 2014-15. Out of this, an amount of Rs.11.01 crore has been released till date to 118 Minority Institutions as per details given below:

Name of the State Amount No. of Institutions (Rs.in lakh)

Haryana 11.08 6
Karnataka 291.51 20
Madhya Pradesh 32.11 04
Maharashtra 535.58 52
Uttarakhand 15.02 03
Mizoram 205.84 31
Tamil Nadu 4.88 01
Uttar Pradesh 5.33 01
Total 1101.35 118

The Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan(SSA) has identified Special Focus Districts(SFD) for targeting groups including the minority communities, based on which 121 Minority Concentration Districts(MCDs) have been identified for intervention. The funds approved during the current financial year 2014-15, State-wise, is at Annexure-A.

The University Grants Commission has released funds for setting up of Model Degree Colleges in Minority Concentration Districts as per details given at Annexure-B.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs has a Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) for Minority Concentration Districts which relates to providing better infrastructure for education, skill-development, health, sanitation, etc. The details of projects approved under MsDP for the educational sector is given at Annexure-C.

The Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) receives grants in the form of Corpus Fund from the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India. One of the schemes of MAEF is Grants-in-aid to Non-Governmental Organisations(NGOs) for infrastructure development of minority educational institutions all over the country like construction/expansion of schools/hostels/B.Ed colleges/ITI VTC buildings, purchase of science/computer labs, furniture etc. Till 2013-14, the MAEF has sanctioned Grants-in-aid of Rs.185.96 crore to 1423 NGOs spread in 27 States/UTs.