

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1408
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DIRECT ASSISTANCE FOR SELF EMPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides direct assistance for self-employment to the unemployed persons belonging to minority communities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of youths benefited under this scheme during each of the last three years?

Answer

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

(a) to (b): National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), a Central Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, extends loans at concessional interest rates through State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) nominated by respective State Governments/UT Administrations, for self-employment and income generating ventures to eligible beneficiaries including unemployed persons belonging to notified minority communities. Minorities having annual family income upto Rs.6.00 lakh are eligible.

(c): The number of beneficiaries including youths covered under the lending schemes of NMDFC during last three financial years and current financial year are as under:

Financial Number of
Year Beneficiaries
covered

2011-12	1,05,874
2012-13	1,02,302
2013-14	75,966
2014-15	60,700
(up to (upto 31.1.2015) 31.1.2015)	