

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SCHEMES FOR WOMEN

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes including those for skill development being implemented by the Union Government for the welfare of women belonging to the minority communities including Christians and Muslims in various States, State/UTwise;
- (b) the funds allocated and spent and achievements made under these schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme and State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether any targets have been fixed in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and success achieved, scheme-wise; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to achieve the said targets in a kind manner?

Answer

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

(a) The details of Schemes being implemented by Union Government for the welfare of women belonging to the minority communities are as follows-

(i) Pre-Matric Scholarship for Minorities: Pre-matric scholarship is awarded to students from the minority communities who fulfill the eligibility criteria for studies from class I to X in Government schools/institutes and private schools / institutes recognized by an appropriate authority. The scheme was launched from 1.4.2008 and is implemented through State Governments/UT Administrations. The scheme is being implemented as Central Sector Scheme from 2014-15 onwards. 30% of the scholarships are earmarked for women in the scheme.

ii) Post-Matric Scholarship for Minorities: Post-matric scholarship is awarded to students from the minority communities, who fulfill the eligibility criteria for studies in India from class XI to Ph.D. in Government schools/colleges/institutes and private schools/colleges/institutes recognized by an appropriate authority, including technical and vocational courses of Class XI & XII level in Industrial Training Institutes/Industrial Training Centres (affiliated to NCVT). The scheme was launched in November 2007 and is implemented through State Governments /UTs Administrations. This scheme is being implemented as Central Sector Scheme from 2014-15 onwards. The benefits under the scheme are transferred directly into the students' bank account in Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. 30% of the scholarships are earmarked for women in the scheme.

(iii) Merit-cum-Means scholarship for professional & technical courses: Scholarships are provided to the students from the minority communities who fulfill the eligibility criteria for pursuing professional and technical courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels in institutions recognized by an appropriate authority. The scheme was launched in June, 2007 and is implemented through State Governments /UTs Administration. This scheme is being implemented as Central Sector Scheme from 2014-15 onwards. The benefits under the scheme are transferred directly into the students' bank account in Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode. 30% of the scholarships are earmarked for women in the scheme.

(iv) Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students The objective of the scheme is to provide Fellowship in the form of financial assistance to students from the minority communities pursuing higher studies such as M.Phil and Ph.D. The scheme covers all Universities, institutions, recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 2(f) and Section 3 of the UGC Act and is being implemented by this Ministry through University Grants Commission. National Fellowships is on the pattern of UGC Fellowship, awarded to research students pursuing M. Phil and Ph.D courses. To be eligible, the income ceiling of the parents/guardian of the candidate is Rs.2.5 Lakh per annum. 30% of the scholarships are earmarked for women in the scheme.

(v) Free Coaching & Allied Scheme: The objective of the scheme is to assist candidates of economically weaker sections belonging to minority communities by providing opportunities for enhancing their knowledge, skills and capabilities for employment in government sector through competitive examinations/process of selection, and for admission in reputed institutions. It also provides for remedial coaching for students in institutions for successful completion of their courses. This scheme is implemented directly by the Ministry of Minority Affairs with 100% Central assistance to the selected coaching institutes. 30% of the numbers sanctioned for coaching is earmarked for women candidates in the scheme.

(vi) Support to minority candidates clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC/SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC) etc. - The objective of the Scheme is to provide financial support to the minority candidates clearing prelims conducted by Union Public Service Commission, Staff Selection Commission and State Public Service Commissions to adequately equip them to compete for appointment to Civil Services in the Union and the State Governments and to increase the representation of the minorities in the Civil Services by giving direct financial support to candidates clearing Preliminary Examination of Group A and B (Gazetted and non-Gazetted posts of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC); State Public Service Commissions (SPSCs) and Staff Selection Commission (SSC) etc. This scheme is for the benefit of both boys and girls.

(vii) Padho Pardesh- Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans - The objective of the scheme is to award interest subsidy to meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections of notified minority communities so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education abroad and enhance their employability. This scheme is for the benefit of both boys and girls.

(viii) Nai Roshni: For women empowerment, the Ministry has started implementation of a scheme 'Nai Roshni' for Leadership Development of Minority Women from 2012-13. The scheme aims to empower and instill confidence among minority women by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with Government systems, Banks and other institutions at all levels. The scheme is implemented through Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs).

(ix) Seekho aur Kamao: Ministry has started implementation of 'Seekho aur Kamao (Learn and Earn)' a 100% Central Sector Scheme for Skill Development of minorities in September, 2013. The scheme is implemented by selected private Professional Skill Development Organisations/companies. The scheme ensures employment of minimum 75% trained candidates, and out of them 50% in organized sector. The scheme reserves minimum 33% seats for minority women.

(x) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), a Public Sector Undertaking under Ministry of Minority Affairs provides loans at concessional interest rates for self employment and income generating ventures. Women are given preference under all its schemes. However, the micro finance scheme of NMDFC is primarily aimed at extending concessional credit to women beneficiaries.

(b) to (d) The details of funds spent and achievements made during the last three years and the current year, scheme and State/UT-wise in respect of Pre-matric, Post-matric, Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes is at Annexure-I and Maulana Azad National Fellowship and Free Coaching and Allied Scheme is at Annexure-II & Annexure-I 11 respectively.

The details of targets fixed along with achievements in respect of the schemes mentioned in reply to part(a) (i) to (vii) are as under:-

S.No.	Scheme	Year	Target	Achievements
1.	Pre-matric scholarship	2012-13	40 lakh (Fresh) + Renewal	6436984
		2013-14	40 lakh (Fresh) + Renewal	7794190
		2014-15	30 lakh (Fresh) + Renewal	7496593
2.	Post-matric scholarship	2012-13	5 lakh (Fresh) + Renewal	755643
		2013-14	5 lakh (Fresh) + Renewal	890467
		2014-15	5 lakh (Fresh) + Renewal	905620
3.	Merit-cum-means based scholarship	2012-13	60000 (Fresh) + Renewal	68096
		2013-14	60000 (Fresh) + Renewal	100428
		2014-15	60000 (Fresh) + Renewal	138770
4.	Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority	2012-13	756	
		2013-14	756	
		(Fresh) + Renewal	3776	
		2014-15	756	
		(Fresh) + Renewal	4532	
5.	Free coaching and allied scheme	2012-13	6000	6716
		2013-14	6000	9997
		2014-15	7000	8168
6.	Support to minority candidates clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC/SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC) etc	2012-13	Scheme launched in 2013-14	
		2013-14	800	483
		2014-15	800	786
7.	Padho Pardesh- Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for overseas study	2012-13	Scheme launched in 2014-15	
		2013-14		
		2014-15	100	573

The funds allocated, spent and achievements made state-wise under the "Nai Roshni and Seekho aur Kamao" schemes are at Annexure-IV and Annexure V respectively.

The physical and financial targets and achievements of NMDFC is as under:

Year	Target for disbursement of funds	Achievement of disbursement of funds	of NMDFC in beneficiaries	Targets for beneficiaries	Achievements for
2012-13	300.00	370.76	82408	102302	
2013-14	350.00	325.46	96200	75966	

State-wise targets are not fixed by the NMDFC. Also, no separate targets for the different sub-schemes of NMDFC are being fixed. State-wise disbursement details for the last three years including current financial year for the micro credit and term loan by NMDFC is at Annexure-VI.

(e): To achieve the targets, this Ministry gives wide publicity to each scheme through print media, electronic media and All India Radio (AIR). Apart from this, Ministry also uploads advertisements on its website i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in on a regular basis. With these, Ministry exceeded the targets every year during the last three years except Support to minority candidates clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC/SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC) etc.