

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Three Tier Education

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering a three tier education model for minorities and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government set up panel has recommended for setting up of schools on the lines of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas in minority concentrated districts and if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final decision will be taken in the matter;
- (c) whether the panel has also worked out the cost of each school and annual operational cost and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the panel has also recommended setting up of community colleges in different states in minority concentrated districts and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the reaction of the Government to the recommendations of the panel; and
- (f) the other steps taken by the Government to improve literacy rate of muslims in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), a Society working under the aegis of the Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA), had constituted a Committee on the establishment of educational institutions for minorities. The said Committee has submitted its report to the General Body of MAEF recently on 06th July, 2017.

In the report the Committee has recommended a three tier pyramid structure of educational institutions:

- ? 211 Central Schools on the pattern of Kendriya Vidyalaya and Navodaya Vidyalaya in minorities concentrated areas at the bottom,
- ? 25 Community Colleges at the middle and
- ? 5 National Institutes at the top level with world class facilities.

The said committee has also mentioned in its report that the cost of establishing each school would be Rs.30 crore approximately and that the operational cost of each school would be Rs.3 crore approximately. The detailed working on the cost has not been done by the said Committee. The MAEF has adopted the Committee report in the said meeting and initiated efforts for the implementation of Committee's recommendations.

(f): Besides above, the Government is implementing several schemes/programmes for the educational empowerment of six (06) notified minority communities viz. Muslims, Christian, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis and to improve their literacy rates. The details are as under:

A. Schemes implemented by the M/o Human Resource Development

- (a) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)- with components for creation of educational infrastructure in Minority Concentration District's (MCD). such as Primary/Upper Primary Schools, Additional Classrooms, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, Number of Posts of Teachers for teaching Urdu etc.
- (b) Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrasa.
- (c) Infrastructure Development of Minority Institutes.

B. Schemes implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA)

- (i) Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme;
- (ii) Post-matric Scholarship Scheme;

- (iii) Merit-cum-Mean based Scholarship Scheme;
- (iv) Maulana Azad National Fellowship;
- (v) Free Coaching & Allied Scheme;
- (vi) Support to minority candidates clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC/SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC) etc.; and
- (vii) PadhoPardesh- Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for overseas studies.
- (viii) Begum HazratMahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girl students belonging to minorities by Maulana Azad Education Foundation.
- (ix) Grants-in-Aid Scheme for Infrastructure Development of Educational Institutions under the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF).
- (x) Multi Sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) of MoMA.

Details of these schemes and achievements of Ministry of Minority Affairs made there under are available on the Ministry's website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.
