

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 193
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.07.2019**

Upliftment of Minority Communities

***193. SHRI PARTHIBAN S. R.:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the existing schemes for improvement of minority communities;
- (b) the funds allocated / sanctioned and utilized for this purpose during each of the last two years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to have any further programme for the upliftment of the minority communities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *193 ASKED BY SHRI PARTHIBAN S. R. FOR REPLY ON 04.07.2019, REGARDING 'UPLIFTMENT OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES'

(a) Ministry is implementing the following schemes / Programmes in the country for the welfare of six centrally notified minorities, namely, Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Parsi, Muslim and Christian.

- (1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme: for upto class X.
- (2) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme: for class XI to Ph.D.
- (3) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship: Scheme for Professional and Technical Courses.
- (4) Maulana Azad National Fellowship: Fellowship for pursuing higher studies such as M.Phil and Ph.D as per UGC norms.
- (5) Naya Savera: Free Coaching and Allied Scheme: Under this scheme, beneficiaries are sponsored for Free Coaching in selected coaching institutions for preparation of Competitive examinations for Professional courses and jobs.
- (6) "Padho Pardes": Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies.
- (7) Nai Udaan: Support for candidates clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC) etc.
- (8) Jiyo Parsi: A unique scheme that aims to contain population decline of Parsis in India.
- (9) Nai Roshni: An exclusive scheme for Leadership Development of Women to instill confidence in them by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with Government systems, banks and intermediaries at all levels.
- (10) Seekho Aur Kamao: A Placement linked skill development program.
- (11) Nai Manzil: A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts.
- (12) USTTAD: Scheme for upgrading Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts, organising of Hunar Haats for marketing of such arts and crafts.
- (13) Hamari Dharohar: A scheme to preserve rich heritage of Indian Minority Communities under the overall concept of Indian Culture.
- (14) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram (PMJVK): Implemented in Identified Minority Concentration Blocks, Minority Concentration Towns & Clusters of Contiguous Villages for creation of infrastructural assets.
- (15) Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) for implementation of education and employment oriented schemes.
- (16) Equity to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for providing concessional loans to minorities for self- Employment and income generating ventures.

(b) The total expenditure incurred on schemes being run for the welfare of minorities during each of the last two years and the current year is available on the website of Ministry of Minority Affairs i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

(c)&(d) The Ministry is effectively addressing the issues of the upliftment and educational and economic empowerment of the sixcentrally notified Minorities through its various schemes focusing on education, skill development, infrastructure development, financial inclusion and preservation of cultural heritage.

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