

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4066
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2019**

Minority Welfare Schemes in Rural Areas

4066. SHRI GAUTAM SIGAMAANI PON:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of ongoing minority welfare schemes being implemented by the Government in the rural areas of the country at present;
- (b) the details of workshops organized in the rural areas;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote the present schemes; and
- (d) the details of beneficiaries, funds allocated and spent under various schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Tamil Nadu?

ANSWER

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

(a): This Ministry is implementing the following schemes / programmes for the welfare of six centrally notified minority communities, namely, Buddhists, Christians, Jains, Muslims, Sikhs and Parsis in the country, including the rural areas of the country:-

- (1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme - For Class I to 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 – For M.Phil. and Ph.D.
- (5) Free Coaching and Allied Scheme (Naya Savera) – For Competitive Examination of Professional Courses and Government Jobs.
- (6) “Padho Pardesh”– Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas studies.

- (7) Nai Udaan - Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC), etc.
- (8) Hamari Dharohar - A scheme to preserve rich heritage of minority communities under the overall concept of Indian Culture.
- (9) Jiyo Parsi – Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community.
- (10) Nai Roshni–Leadership Development of Minority Women.
- (11) Skill Development Initiatives - Seekho Aur Kamao.
- (12) Nai Manzil – A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts.
- (13) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development).
- (14) Grants-in-Aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) for implementation of education and skill related schemes:-
 - (a) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to the Minorities.
 - (b) Gharib Nawaz Skill Development Training for providing short-term job oriented skill development courses to youths belonging to minority communities.
 - (c) Bridge Course for madarsa students & school dropouts by Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh and Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi under Nai Manzil scheme (implemented through MAEF).
 - (d) Swachh Vidyalaya Initiative.
- (15) Equity to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for providing concessional loans to minorities for self-employment and income generating activities through State Channelizing Agencies.
- (16) Besides the above, an Area Development Programme called Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK), earlier known as Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP), is implemented in identified Minority Concentration District Headquarters, Minority Concentration Blocks, Minority Concentration Towns & Clusters of Contiguous Villages which are relatively backward.

The details of the ongoing schemes / programmes at serial No. (1) to (13) and (16) are available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in), details of the scheme at serial No. (14) are available on the website of MAEF (www.maef.nic.in) and that of at serial No. (15) are available on the website of NMDFC (www.nmdfc.org).

(b): Total number of 444 workshops / seminars / conferences have been approved during 2018-19 for organizing them all over the country, including rural areas, under the scheme of Research / Studies, Monitoring and Evaluation of Development schemes including Publicity of the Ministry.

(c): The Government has taken up multi-media campaign to spread awareness of welfare schemes meant for minorities through print and electronic media, All India Radio Network including FM Channels, and websites all over the country. Pocket booklets and pamphlets on various schemes / programmes of the Ministry are published in Hindi, English, Urdu and other regional languages. In order to directly reach out to the public especially minority communities and spread awareness among them, 'Progress Panchayats' are organized in various places. Regional Coordination & Review Conferences are also held with State Governments from time to time where, inter-alia, information about the Ministry's schemes is provided. In addition, outdoor publicity is also being done by organizing 'Hunar Haat'. Hunar Haats have been organized at (i) India International Trade Fair 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019, (ii) Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi in February 2017, February 2018 & January 2019, (iii) Puducherry in September, 2017 & October, 2018, (iv) Mumbai in January 2018 & December 2018, and (v) Prayagraj in September 2018 & November, 2019, (vi) Jaipur in Aug-Sept. 2019 and Ahmedabad in December 2019 to further promote traditional crafts/arts, generate employment and strengthen the market linkages of Minority artisans both from urban and rural areas. The Ministry also supports workshops and seminars organized by NGOs and State Organizations for creating awareness about its programmes and schemes in different part of the country.

(d): The details of beneficiaries, fund allocated and spent under various schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Tamil Nadu are available on the website of the Ministry at www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.
