

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO. *428
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2021**

SCHEMES/POLICIES FOR MINORITIES

***428. SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of schemes/policies launched/formulated after 2018 to serve the interests of the minorities in the country; and

(b) the funds allocated by the Government for each of the schemes along with utilisation thereof during the said period, State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.*428 to be answered on 25.03.2021 asked by SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP regarding 'SCHEMES/POLICIES FOR MINORITIES'.

(a): In a major policy decision in 2018, the Government has allowed Muslims women with effect from Haj, 2018, to go on Haj pilgrimage without "Mehram" (male companion).

In May, 2018, Ministry of Minority Affairs restructured Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) with an objective of developing socio-economic infrastructure and basic amenities for the benefit of the people from all sections of the society in identified Minority Concentration Areas (MCA). The coverage of PMJVK has been extended to 1300 MCAs falling in 308 districts of the country, which includes 870 Minority Concentration Blocks, 321 Minority Concentration Towns and 109 Minority Concentration Districts Hqrs from the earlier 196 districts.

To give an effective platform to minority artisans and culinary experts from across the country to showcase and market their finest handicraft and exquisitely crafted products, Ministry of Minority Affairs organises Hunar Haats. From 2018, 23 Hunar Haats have been organised providing employment and employment opportunities to artisans and craft persons. Since its inception, Hunar Haat has provided employment and employment opportunities to 5.5.lakhs artisans/craft persons and persons associated with them.

Besides, the Government is implementing various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every section of the society including minorities especially economically weaker & downtrodden sections all over the country with schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana, etc.

Ministry of Minority Affairs also implements programmes/ schemes for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities

namely Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis, Jains and Muslims. These schemes/programmes in brief are as under:-

Educational Empowerment schemes:

(1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme, Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme - For educational empowerment of students through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

(2) Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme - Provide fellowships in the form of financial assistance.

(3) Naya Savera - Free Coaching and Allied Scheme - The Scheme aims to provide free coaching to students/candidates belonging to minority communities for qualifying in entrance examinations of technical/ professional courses and Competitive examinations.

(4) Padho Pardesh - Scheme of interest subsidy to students of minority communities on educational loans for overseas higher studies.

(5) Nai Udaan - Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), State Public Service Commission (PSC) Staff Selection Commission (SSC) etc.

Economic Empowerment/ Employment Oriented schemes:

(6) Seekho Aur Kamao - Skill development scheme for youth of 14 - 35 years age group and aiming at improving the employability of existing workers, school dropouts etc.

(7) Nai Manzil - A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts.

(8) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development) .

Special Initiative for Empowerment:

(9) Nai Roshni - Leadership development of women belonging to minority communities.

(10) Jiyo Parsi - Scheme for containing population decline of Parsis in India

(11) Hamari Dharohar- A scheme to preserve rich heritage of minority communities of India under the overall concept of Indian culture.

Area Development Programme:

(12) Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) earlier known as MsDP - Implemented for the benefit of the people from all sections of the society in identified Minority Concentration Areas for creation of assets in education, skill and health sectors.

Support to Institutions:

(13) Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) implements education and skill related schemes as follows:- (a) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to the economically weaker sections of Minorities (b) Gharib Nawaz Employment Scheme started in 2017-18 for providing short term job oriented skill development training to youth (c) Bridge Course for madarsa students & school dropouts.

(14) Equity to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) for providing concessional loans to minorities for self-employment and income generating ventures

In addition to the above, the Ministry also implements schemes for strengthening State Waqf Boards and coordinates arrangements for annual Haj pilgrimage.

The details of the schemes (S. No.1 to 12) mentioned above and status of their implementation are available on the website of this Ministry (www.minorityaffairs.gov.in) and those at serial No.(13) and (14) are available on the website of MAEF (www.maef.nic.in) and NMDFC (www.nmdfc.org) respectively.

Post 2014, the Government has taken the following new initiatives for development of all minorities.

(i) Nai-Manzil: Nai Manzil Scheme was launched on 8th August, 2015 at Patna, Bihar and was fully rolled out in the year 2016-17. The Scheme aims to benefit the minority youth, who do not have formal school leaving certificate, i.e. those in the category of school- dropouts or have been educated in community education institutions like Madaras and others, by providing them formal education and skill training thus enabling them to seek better employment and livelihoods.

(ii) Hamari Dharohar which is a Central Sector scheme has been formulated to preserve rich heritage of minority communities of India. The objectives of the scheme are to curate rich heritage of minorities under overall concept of Indian Culture, curating exhibitions, preservation of literature/ documents etc., support and promotion of calligraphy etc. and Research & Development.

(iii) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/ Crafts for Development) was formally launched on 14th May, 2015 at Varanasi (U.P.).

The scheme aims at capacity building and upgrading of the traditional skills of master craftsmen and artisans; documentation of identified traditional arts/crafts of minorities; set standards of traditional skills; training of minority youths in various identified traditional arts/crafts through master craftsmen; develop national and international market linkages; and preservation of languishing Arts/Crafts.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs has launched a Mission under “Upgrading the Skill and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD)” scheme to give an effective platform to minority artisans and culinary experts from across the country to showcase and market their finest handicraft and exquisitely crafted products through “Hunar Haats” organized by the Ministry. Ministry has engaged institutions of national repute namely, National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), National Institute of Design (NID) and Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) to work in various craft clusters for design intervention, product range development, packaging, exhibitions and brand

building etc. So far, 27 Hunar Haats have been organized at Delhi, Puducherry, Mumbai, Prayagraj, Jaipur, Ahmadabad, Hyderabad, Indore, Ranchi, Lucknow, Rampur, Mysuru and Bhopal. As a result of this, more than 5.5 lakhs artisans, craftpersons and people associated with them have been provided employment and employment opportunities, out of which more than 50% beneficiaries are women.

(iv) Increase in Coverage of PMJVK: The Government has increased the coverage of PMJVK scheme from 766 MCAs of 196 districts which were covered under the scheme of erstwhile MsDP, to 1300 MCAs falling in 308 districts of the country, which includes 870 Minority Concentration Blocks, 321 Minority Concentration Towns and 109 Minority Concentration Districts Hqrs with effect from May, 2018

The type and number of projects approved are Residential Schools (171), Degree College Buildings (32), New School Buildings (1535), Additional Class Rooms (22908), ACR Blocks (356), Teaching Aid & Smart Classes (9999), Hostels (646), ITI Buildings (92), Polytechnics (13), Health Centres & other Health Projects (1946), Unani Medical College (01), Working Women Hostel (23), Anganwadi Centres (6014), Sadbhav Mandaps (403), Common Service Centres (157), Market Sheds (574), Hunar Hubs (9), Sports Facilities (13).

A comparative statement indicating achievements in respect of various Schemes before 2014-15 and since 2014-15 is given at **Annexure I**.

(b): No State-wise fund allocation is done in the budget. Scheme-wise details of the funds allocated and funds released/utilised under various schemes during the last three years i.e. 2018-19 to 2020-21 (As on 28.02.2021) is at **Annexure II**.

Annexure referred in reply to Part (a) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. *428 for answer on 25.03.2021 raised by SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP.

Comparative achievements under various schemes of Ministry of Minority Affairs before 2014-15 and since 2014-15.			
S. No.	Name of the Schemes	Achievement	
		Before 2014-15	Since 2014-15
1.	Educational Empowerment (Schemes mentioned at S.No.1-5 &13 (a))	3.03 crore beneficiaries	Approx. 4.50 crore beneficiaries
2.	Employment-oriented skill development programme (Schemes mentioned at S.No.6-8 & 13(b))	20,164 beneficiaries	6.89 lakh beneficiaries
3.	Financial Assistance for self Employment (Scheme mentioned at S.No.14)	6.94 lakh beneficiaries	8.50 lakh beneficiaries
4.	Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)	Budget Allocation Rs.5341.78 crore	Budget Allocation Rs. 8167.96 crore
		No. of Major projects approved 31329	No. of Major projects approved 44218

5.	Haj Matters	<p>Haj Quota in 2014 1,36,020 (With subsidy) Women Hajis were not allowed to go for Haj without Mehram (male companion).</p>	<p>Haj Quota in 2019 2,00,000 (Without Subsidy) Women Hajis w.e.f Haj 2018 now can go for Haj without Mehram (male companion). Since 2018, 3401 women have performed Haj without Mehram</p>
6.	Hunaar Haats	<p>There was no such scheme for employment or employment opportunities for traditional artisans /craftsmen</p>	<p>27 Hunar Haats have been organized and more than 5.5 lakhs artisans and people associated with them have been provided employment and employment opportunities</p>

Annexure referred in reply to Part (b) of Lok Sabha starred Question No.*428 for answer on 25.03.2021 raised by SHRI DHARMENDRA KASHYAP.

Scheme-wise details of Budget Allocation & amount released/ utilised since 2018-19 to 2020-21(As on 28.02.2021)			
S. No.	Schemes	R.E. (Rs. in Crores)	Amount released/utilized* (Rs. in crore)
1	Pre-Matric Scholarship	3798.82	2714.01
2	Post-Matric Scholarship	1517.60	915.17
3	Merit-cum-Means	1163.51	652.54
4	Maulana Azad National Fellowship	383.00	256.35
5	Interest subsidy on educational loans on overseas studies	92.00	69.40
6	Free Coaching and Allied Scheme	139.00	67.95
7	Support for students clearing Prelims	26.00	15.41
8	Skill Development Initiative	690.00	520.81
9	USTTAD (Hunar Haat)	170.00	109.81
10	Nai Manzil (skill to 8th to 10th)	280.00	167.25
11	Equity of NMDFC	435.03	435.00
12	Leadership development of Minority Women	33.00	26.41
13	Scheme for Containing Population Decline of Small Minority community	12.00	11.31
14	Hamari Dharohar	14.20	5.27
15	Research/ Studies, Monitoring, Evaluation and Publicity	130.00	84.51
16	Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram	3880.23	3720.91
17	Maulana Azad Education Foundation	293.76	110.00
18	Grants to SCAs of NMDFC	5.00	3.93
19	Quami Waqf Board Tariquatti Scheme	35.89	23.79
20	Sahari Waqf Sampati Vikas Yojana	9.32	7.51

*Disbursal of scholarship Schemes and other schemes for the year 2020-21 is in

progress.