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IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIME MINISTER'S 15 POINT PROGRAMME BY M/O MINORTY AFFAIRS

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The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities (PM's New 15 PP) is an overarching programme covering various schemes/initiatives of the participating Ministries/Departments, and is implemented throughout the country. The said Programme also provides that, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes should be earmarked for minorities. The performance of schemes/initiatives of Ministries / Departments included in the PM's New 15 PP, is evaluated by the concerned Ministry/ Department and is a continuous process. The schemes of Ministry of Minority Affairs meant exclusively for the centrally notified minority communities viz. Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains are also evaluated from time to time. Details of outcome of evaluation studies conducted in respect of vairous Schemes/Programmes of this Ministry as well as the other Ministries/Departments covered under the PM's New 15 PP are available on the Ministry's website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in

The Ministry implements various welfare schemes for minority communities across the country including Jammu and Kashmir, as per the guidelines of the respective scheme.

This was stated by the Union Minister of Minority Affairs, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi in a written reply to the Lok Sabha today.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES

To another question, the Minister stated that the Ministry of Minority Affairs has adopted a multi-pronged strategy by way of implementation of various schemes which aim at educational

empowerment, employment-oriented skill development, infrastructure support, etc. for the upliftment of living standards of the six centrally notified minorities (Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains). Details of these schemes are as under:

1. Educational Empowerment:

1. Scholarship Schemes - Pre-Matric Scholarship, Post-Matric Scholarship and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship. Since 2014-15, 3.74 crore scholarships have been provided.

2. Naya Savera - Free Coaching and Allied Scheme with the aim to enhance skills and knowledge of students and candidates from minority communities to get employment in Government Sector/ Public Sector Undertakings, jobs in private sector and admission in reputed institutions in technical and professional courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels.
3. Nai Udaan - a scheme for providing support to minority candidates clearing Prelims conducted by Union Public Service Commission, State Public Service Commissions etc., to adequately equip them to compete for appointment to Civil Services in the Union and the States.
4. Padho Pardes - A scheme for providing interest subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies to enable students from minority communities to pursue higher education.
5. Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme provides financial assistance to students from notified minority communities, to pursue higher education such as M. Phil and Ph. D.
6. In addition, the Maulana Azad Education Foundation implements the following two schemes:

- Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for meritorious girls belonging to minorities from class IX to XII.Gharib Nawaz Employment Programme.

(B) Economic Empowerment:

9. Employment-oriented Skill Development: programme

- Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn): It is a skill development initiative for minorities and aims to upgrade the skills of minority youth in various modern/traditional skills depending upon their qualification, present economic trends and market potential, which can earn them suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self-employment.Upgrading Skill and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD) - 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. Hunar Haats are organized in various parts of the country, which provides direct and indirect employment to skilled artisans and craft persons.Nai Manzil - A scheme to provide education and skill training to the youth from minority communities.

(ii) National Minorities Development Finance Corporation (NMDFC) Loan Schemes which provide concessional loans for self-employment and income generating activities for the socio-economic development of the backward sections amongst the notified minorities.

(iii) Priority Sector Lending by Banks.

(C) Infrastructure Support:

Besides, there is another Scheme namely Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK), which aims at improving the socio-economic conditions of minorities and providing basic amenities so as to improve their quality of life and reduce imbalances in the identified Minority Concentration Areas. The major projects approved under the Education Sector and for Skill Development, include Residential Schools, School buildings, Hostels, Degree Colleges, ITIs, Polytechnics, Sadbhav Mandaps, Health Centers, Working Women Hostels etc. 80% of the resources under the scheme are earmarked for projects related to Education, Health and Skill Development. Further 33 to 40% of resources are allocated for women centric projects.

The Minister also stated that Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) an autonomous body under the administrative control of this Ministry, in its 52nd Meeting held on 29.12.2016, had constituted a committee to go into the modalities for establishment of institutions in different parts of the country with a view to facilitate educational empowerment of minorities especially girls.

The Committee has submitted its report and has recommended for three tier model of educational institutions for minorities having:

(i) 211 Central Schools at the bottom.

(ii) 25 Community Colleges at the middle; and

(iii) 05 National Institutes at the top level.

The said committee has submitted its report on 06.07.2017 to the General Body of MAEF, which has adopted the said report. Upon the recommendation of the said committee, on request of MAEF, the Government of Rajasthan, has allotted 15 acre land at Village Kohrapipli, Tehsil - Kishangarhbas, District - Alwar for setting up a National Institute of eminence.

FREE COACHING AND ALLIED SCHEMES

Under Free Coaching and Allied Scheme, the following Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) have been empanelled w.e.f 2017-18 to 2019-20 for the State of West Bengal. The funds released to these PIAs in the State of West Bengal during the last three years and the current financial year is given as under:-

S. No.	Name of organization	District	Fund released (Rs. in crore)
	Al-Ameen Mission	Howrah	5.39
	Chuanpur Saptaparni	Murshidabad	0.10

Al-Ameen Educational Council	Howrah	0.20
Al-Ameen Mission Trust	Howrah	7.01

In the last three years and current year, 2,28,48,809 scholarships and 31,801 students were provided free coaching. The State-wise and Year –wise details of students of minority community benefitted under Scholarship schemes and Free Coaching and Allied Scheme during the last three years and current year are at Annexure-I and Annexure-II respectively.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements Naya Savera – Free Coaching and Allied Scheme under which free coaching is provided to students of six centrally notified minority communities namely Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, and Zoroastrians (Parsis). The scheme provides coaching to students so as to enable them to qualify in entrance examinations for admission in technical/ professional courses, and various Competitive examinations for recruitment to Group 'A', 'B' and 'C' services. The scheme is implemented through Project Implementing Agencies(PIA)/Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

Coaching institutions/organizations are monitored by State Government as per provisions of the scheme including checking their infrastructure and mid-term inspection report. In addition, National Productivity Council (NPC) which is an independent agency under administrative control of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce and Industry had been engaged to conduct concurrent monitoring of the scheme w.e.f 2016-17 to 2018-19.

Annexure-I

Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Scheme: State-wise and year-wise deta scholarships awarded/sanctioned during the last three years and current year

S.No.	States/UTs	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19*	2019-20*
		Scholarship awarded	Scholarship awarded	Scholarship awarded	Scholar awarded
	Andhra Pradesh	140716	136544	145480	168588
	Telangana	176487	176109	187597	182932
	Assam	170155	203463	148857	277026
	Bihar	118386	170621	282686	296103
	Chhattisgarh	9896	10307	8130	7410
	Goa	1767	0	565	789
	Gujarat	135954	146473	152521	160452
	Haryana	7062	10926	10872	14089
	Himachal Pradesh	2247	2195	2019	2611
	Jammu & Kashmir	83050	146262	189642	442784
	Jharkhand	34168	63299	64346	89908
	Karnataka	473190	363072	498217	549918

	Kerala	573921	591695	661689	663865
	Madhya Pradesh	89386	115078	129531	151072
	Maharashtra	494903	638111	740978	758781
	Manipur	6609	9095	19106	47101
	Meghalaya	14586	12231	13137	18185
	Mizoram	49012	31461	44539	53425
	Nagaland	21661	30207	33702	56278
	Odisha	18556	13342	13282	16020
	Punjab	445540	464862	468494	507773
	Rajasthan	146385	158285	163972	186287
	Sikkim	1288	850	517	783
	Tamil Nadu	374668	348398	367683	408146
	Tripura	1072	6083	4572	4641
	Uttar Pradesh	509783	638433	788008	720876
	Uttarakhand	18052	24911	24631	33745
	West Bengal	776071	1082415	1319740	9681
	Andaman & Nicobar	23	0	76	119
	Chandigarh	2678	2317	1465	1614
	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	96	70	148	178
	Daman & Diu	49	5	46	49
	Delhi	1052	12510	4738	7532
	Puducherry	1982	2363	2904	3714
* Provisional Data as on 06.03.2020. Disbursement of Scholarship for 2018-19 and 2019-20 continu 2019-20.					

Annexure-II

State -wise minority students benefitted under Free Coaching and Allied Scheme during the last three and current year i.e. 2016-17 to 2019-20 (as on 05.03.2020)

Sl. No.	States/UTs	2016-17 No. of students	2017-18 No .of students	2018-19 No. of students	2019-20 No. of stude
	Andhra Pradesh	2160	260	400	350
	Assam	0	0	50	50
	Bihar	0	0	100	0

Chandigarh	260	250	50	84
Chhattisgarh	0	0	100	0
Delhi	265	645	328	50
Gujarat	0	618	550	50
Haryana	60	210	50	250
Jammu and Kashmir	90	490	50	0
Jharkhand	0	0	360	0
Karnataka	400	2219	1049	0
Kerala	220	700	590	50
Madhya Pradesh	55	435	680	148
Maharashtra	640	1550	1390	150
Manipur	60	100	60	150
Meghalaya	0	110	100	0
Punjab	0	600	300	0
Rajasthan	0	330	350	100
Tamil Nadu	0	450	200	0
Telangana	1540	1750	0	0
Uttar Pradesh	1550	945	2600	250
Uttarakhand	50	0	0	0
West Bengal	760	200	740	50

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

A table, giving State/UT-wise, number of students who have availed scholarships under Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for minorities since their inception, is annexed.

The total budget of Rs.18065 crore was allocated and Rs.15858 crore (provisional figures) was spent with respect to these three Scholarship Schemes since their inception.

Ministry of Minority Affairs, under the Central Sector Scheme of “Research/ Studies, Monitoring and Evaluation of Development Schemes including Publicity”, carries out awareness and publicity campaigns for all the Schemes implemented by this Ministry for the benefit of minority communities. The awareness and publicity of these schemes is taken up through multimedia campaigns i.e. through print and electronic media as well as radio Channels. In addition booklets and pamphlets, giving an overview of these schemes are distributed and advertisement published throughout the country in leading newspapers in Hindi, English, Urdu as well as regional languages.

The funds spent on the advertisement of all the Schemes of this Ministry under Research/Studies, Monitoring and Evaluation of Development head including Publicity of the Schemes/ Programme since 2014-15 is Rs.250.96 crore (provisional figures).

Annexure regarding “Scholarship Schemes”.

State-wise details of scholarships awarded/sanctioned under Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit-cum-M based Scholarship Schemes since inception of schemes.

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Scholarships awarded/Sanctio
1	Andhra Pradesh	22,15,731
2	Telangana	11,44,120
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1
4	Assam	17,86,773
5	Bihar	20,49,135
6	Chhattisgarh	1,50,574
7	Goa	20,093
8	Gujarat	16,89,950
9	Haryana	1,72,628
10	Himachal Pradesh	33,617
11	Jammu & Kashmir	21,60,146
12	Jharkhand	5,78,505
13	Karnataka	48,81,771
14	Kerala	77,57,440
15	Madhya Pradesh	12,22,852
16	Maharashtra	73,13,452
17	Manipur	2,00,616
18	Meghalaya	1,82,294
19	Mizoram	5,65,681
20	Nagaland	2,84,620
21	Odisha	2,60,448
22	Punjab	45,23,757
23	Rajasthan	20,68,938
24	Sikkim	28,056
25	Tamil Nadu	41,79,195
26	Tripura	52,656
27	Uttar Pradesh	92,50,813
28	Uttarakhand	1,86,993
29	West Bengal	1,23,59,555
30	Andaman & Nicobar	2,297
31	Chandigarh	27,497
32	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	1,661
33	Daman & Diu	2,515
34	Delhi	1,81,508
35	Lakshadweep	31
36	Puducherry	20,832
Total		6,75,56,751

* Provisional Data as on 06.03.2020. Disbursement of Scholarship for 2018-19 & 2019-20 continues in 20.

MONITORING OF WELFARE SCHEMES FOR MINORITIES

The monitoring of the implementation of various welfare schemes is being done through different mechanism and also by outside agencies from time to time to ensure their effectiveness and efficiency. Some of these measures are as under:-

- UCs / Physical ReportThird Party Study/Monitoring District / State Level CommitteeEmpowered CommitteeField Visit by Inspecting Officers of the Ministry and State GovernmentsRegional Coordination Meetings

As and when such instances are reported or come to the notice of the Government, necessary action is taken as per extant guidelines and rules.

This information was given by the Union Minister of Minority Affairs, Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi in written replies to the Lok Sabha today.

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