

Initiatives for betterment of minorities

1111. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of initiative which have been taken for the betterment of minorities in the country in 2014-15; and
- (b) the details of achievements and amount of money that have been spent so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI): (a) and (b) The details of the initiatives taken for the betterment of Minorities in the country in 2014-15 and the achievements and amount that has been spent for the welfare of minority communities are as follows:

- (i) Cybergram was launched as an initiative under Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) during 2014-15 to impart digital literacy amongst students of Madarsas/School of class VI to X. The details of projects approved and funds released during 2014-15 are at Statement-I and II, respectively (*See below*).
- (ii) “USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)” has been launched to preserve the rich heritage of traditional arts/crafts of minorities. The scheme aims at capacity building and updating the traditional skills of master craftsmen/artisans; documentation of identified traditional arts/crafts of minorities; set standards for traditional skills; training of minority youths in various identified traditional arts/crafts through master craftsmen; and develop national and international market linkages. The scheme also targets the training of minority youths who are between 14-35 years of age and minimum Class-V qualified through master craftsmen.

The scheme was launched with an exhibition on 14th May, 2015 at Varanasi (U.P.). Another exhibition for promotion of crafts of minorities was organized on 05th and 06th October, 2015 in which artisans/craftsmen from 14 States participated. A book documenting 18 identified crafts has also been released. Ministry has signed a MoU with an E-commerce portal shopclues.com for facilitating the market linkages of crafts.

- (iii) “Hamari Dharohar” has been launched to preserve the rich heritage of minority communities of India. The scheme aims at curating iconic exhibitions, supporting calligraphy, preservation of old documents, research

and development, etc. In order to showcase the civilization and culture of the Parsis, the Government aims to provide support to iconic exhibition of Parsis involving curating 3 travelling exhibitions on Parsi Culture namely, "The Everlasting Flame", "Threads of Continuity" and "Across Ocean and Flowing Silk", during 2015-16 at the National Museum (NM), National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) and Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA). Ministry has also sanctioned a project to Dairatul Maarifil Osmania (an institution established in 1888 AD), Osmania University, Telangana for translation of documents from Arabic language into English, digitization and re-printing of 240 invaluable documents belonging to Medieval period on the subjects of Medicines, Mathematics, Literature, etc. For 2015-16, an amount of ₹ 3.59 crore has been spent till date.

- (iv) Further, National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) a CPSE under this Ministry has established Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills (MANAS) in 2014 to address all skill development needs of minority communities. It provides an all India Training framework with leading training partners in Public Private Partnership Mode. It operates on the Skill Development Architecture of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and covers all skill sectors as per the local demand.

In 2014-15, 6500 youths (provisional figure) have been trained by MANAS. During 2015-16, 30,000 youths are targeted for training.

- (v) Padho Pardesh: During 2014-15, scheme of Padho Pardesh-Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for overseas studies has been operationalized with the objective to award interest subsidy to meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections of notified minority communities so as to provide them better opportunities for higher education abroad and enhance their employability.

The details of achievements and amount of money spent under the Padho Pardesh scheme since its inception is as under:—

Sl. No.	Scheme	Physical Achievement since 2014-15	Financial Achievement since 2014-15 (₹ in crore)
1.	Padho Pardesh-interest subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies	837	5.13

Statement-I***Details of Projects Approved and Funds Released During 2014-15***

Sl. No.	State	During 2014-15	
		Projects Approved	Fund Released
1.	Uttar Pradesh	13775.33	13204.81
2.	West Bengal	22009.95	37590.75
3.	Assam	749.74	1111.98
4.	Bihar	14015.18	9808.29
5.	Manipur	540.57	405.44
6.	Haryana		
7.	Jharkhand	996.05	598.63
8.	Uttarakhand	4952.68	2293.18
9.	Maharashtra	659.73	329.86
10.	Karnataka	4183.51	1635.04
11.	Andaman and Nicobar Island		22.22
12.	Odisha	2370.50	198.75
13.	Meghalaya	3.60	534.69
14.	Kerala	427.30	213.84
15.	Mizoram		
16.	Jammu and Kashmir		
17.	Delhi	5.52	120.45
18.	Madhya Pradesh		
19.	Sikkim	1233.60	618.60
20.	Arunachal Pradesh	122.32	329.47
21.	Andhra Pradesh	3505.61	1748.72
22.	Telangana	2718.35	271.79
23.	Tripura	4368.52	3124.13
24.	Punjab		
25.	Rajasthan	4231.94	2625.95
26.	Gujarat		
27.	Chhattisgarh		
TOTAL		80870.00	76786.57

Statement-II

Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) during 2014-15

Sl. No.	State	Education										Digital Literacy under Cyber Gram	Skill Development			Health	Agan-wadi	Drinking Water	Pucca Housing	In-come Generation In-frastr ucture	Misc	
		De-gree Col-lege	School build-ing	Addi-tional class rooms	Hostels	Com-puters in School	Lab equip	Toilet & DW in School	Teach-ing aid	Free Bicycle for Girls	ITI Build-ing		Poly-technic	Skill Train-ing	Total of Health	AWC	Hand pumps	Drinking Water Facil-ties	IAY			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
1.	Uttar Pradesh	U.S.	2	5						300		173143	1		34804							
		U.C																				
		WIP																				
2.	West Bengal	U.S.				34						170005	15		61020							
		U.C																				
		WIP																				
3.	Assam	U.S.																				
		U.C																				
		WIP																				
4.	Bihar	U.S.	37	133	7											111	72					
		U.C																				
		WIP																				

12. Odisha	U.S.	1	1	1	4	32
	U.C					
	WIP					
13. Meghalaya	U.S.					
	U.C					
	WIP					
14. Kerala	U.S.			1807		15
	U.C					
	WIP					
15. Mizoram	U.S.					
	U.C					
	WIP					
16. Jammu and Kashmir	U.S.					
	U.C					
	WIP					
17. Delhi	U.S.					
	U.C					
	WIP					
18. Madhya Pradesh	U.S.					
	U.C					
	WIP					

26. Gujarat U.S.

U.C

WIP

27. Chhattis-
garh

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TOTAL	U.S.	7	80	334	86	0	1	39	300	9202	361257	36	1	98444	145	72	0	160	0	0	1
	U.C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	WIP	3	1	1	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Abbreviation :- U.S: Unit Sanctioned, U.C.: Unit Completed, WIP: Work in Progress

IAY=Indira Awas Yojana, AWC= Anganwadi Centres, ITI= Industrial Training Institute, DWS= Drinking Water Supply, ACRs= Additional Classrooms, PHC= Primary Health Centre, CHC= Community Health Centre, Mis= (IWDP- Integrated Water Development Project, District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Approach Road, Computer with accessori, Library, Hat Sheds).