

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2997
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2021**

EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN BELONGING TO THE MINORITY COMMUNITIES

2997. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to empower women belonging to the minority communities;
- (b) whether Government has commissioned any study to understand the socio-economic condition and the problems being faced by women belonging to minority communities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) to (c): The Government is implementing various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every section of the society including minority women especially economically weaker & downtrodden sections all over the country with schemes like Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana, Pradhan Mantri UjjwalaYojana (PMUY), One Stop Centre Scheme, Women Helpline Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM KISAN), Pradhan Mantri AwasYojana (PMAY) etc.

Ministry of Minority Affairs also implements an scheme “Nai Roshni”- the scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women with an aim to empower and instill confidence in women by providing knowledge, tool and techniques for interacting with

Government system, banks and intermediaries at all levels. It is a short term training programme (Residential- 5 days / Non-residential- 6 days) for sensitization of women with special emphasis on identification of those women who are willing and can be further trained under any short duration training for Economic empowerment besides general handholding so that they could get sustainable economic livelihood opportunities through suitable wage employment or self-employment / micro-enterprises, which includes programme for Handicapped Women. The Training modules cover issues relating to women viz. Leadership of Women through participation in decision making, Educational Programmes for women, Health and Hygiene, Legal rights of women, Financial Literacy, Digital Literacy, Swachh Bharat, Life Skills, and Advocacy for Social and Behavioural change Scheme specific other detailed Information is available on <http://nairoshni-moma.gov.in>. During last six years, more than 3 lakh women have been benefitted under this Scheme.

Besides, Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) under M/o Minority Affairs also implements Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship scheme for meritorious minority girls studying in classes 9th to 12th. Since 2014-15, scholarships to 7.36 lakh minority girls have been sanctioned/released.

In addition to above, this Ministry also implements various schemes for educational empowerment, economic empowerment, skill development of persons belonging to six notified minority communities under which minimum 30% seats are earmarked for female candidates. Under educational empowerment schemes approx. 4.50 crore beneficiaries benefitted since 2014-15 out of which number of female beneficiaries is more than 50%.

Further, Ministry of Minority Affairs implements the scheme Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) in 1300 identified Minority Concentration Areas (MCAs) of the country with the objective of developing socio-economic assets and basic amenities for improving quality of life of the people living in these areas. The priority sectors under PMJVK are education, health, skill development and women centric projects. The scheme is according priority to the projects intending to create facilities for women by earmarking 33-40 resources for such projects. The ministry w.e.f 2014-15 has sanctioned girls schools-82, girls hostels-302, girls residential schools-36, girls colleges-12, ITIs for women-06, working women hostels-22 etc.
