

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2368  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

**MAULANA AZAD TALEEM-E-BALIGHAN SCHEME**

**2368. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has announced a Rs. 600 crore scheme called Maulana Azad Taleem-e-Balighan to achieve higher literacy of one crore minority Muslim community;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) details of minority muslim communities in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;
- (d) whether the above scheme is meant only for higher education;
- (e) if so, whether Madarsas are taken on board as they are the core point for literacy in Muslim community; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the progress of the scheme so far?

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

(a) & (b): Maulana Azad Taleem-e-Balighan scheme was a target focused approach under the erstwhile scheme of Adult Education

namely Saakshar Bharat programme launched by the erstwhile Ministry of Human Resource and Development on 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2014, inter-alia setting up of 1,000 additional Adult Education Centres in those Gram Panchayats of Saakshar Bharat districts that have population more than 5,000 with at least 30 percent Muslims. An estimated cost of Rs. 28.00 Crore had been calculated for setting up of these additional Adult Education Centres. There is no additional budgetary allocation for this initiative.

(c): The State-wise, religion wise data including for the state of Andhra Pradesh as per census 2011 is available on the website of the Office of the Registrar General of India i.e [www.censusindia.gov.in](http://www.censusindia.gov.in).

(d) to (f): Maulana Azad Taleem-e-Balighan scheme was meant for adult education in minority Muslim communities and not for higher education

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