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IMPARTING OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

610. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has undertaken any study to look into various issues of minority education and, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to impart vocational education and skill development in minority concentration districts; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a): The Ministry is implementing various schemes for the educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities namely Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Muslim, Parsi and Jain. All these schemes are reviewed from time to time and restructured keeping in view the requirement of the minority communities. Further, performance under the schemes is also monitored on a continuous basis to ensure the desired outcome in terms of all round development of the notified minorities.

The details of educational empowerment schemes/programmes implemented by the Ministry in brief are as under:

(1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme- Scholarship is provided to minority students from Class I to X, out of which 30% scholarship are earmarked for girls.

Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme- Scholarship is provided to minority students from Class XI to Ph.D, out of which 30% scholarship are earmarked for girls.

Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme- Scholarship is provided to minority students for Professional and Technical courses, at Under Graduate and Post Graduate level, out of which 30% scholarship are earmarked for girls.

All the three Scholarship schemes are on boarded on the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) and the scholarship amount is disbursed through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

(2) Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme– Under the scheme Fellowship in the form of financial assistance is provided to minority candidates who clear the UGC-NET or Joint CSIR UGC-NET examination.

(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/ medical professional courses and various Competitive examinations.

(4) Padho Pardesh– Under the scheme interest subsidy is provided to students of minority communities on educational loans, availed for overseas higher studies.

(5) Nai Udaan- Support is provided to minority candidates clearing Preliminary examination conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), State Public Service Commission (PSC), Staff Selection Commission (SSC) etc.

(b) & (c): This Ministry also implements the following employment oriented schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every section of the society including minorities especially the economically weaker & lesser privileged sections of the society across the country including minority concentration districts:

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

(2) USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)- An effective platform to provide self-employment, market and opportunity to traditional artisans and craft persons from the minority communities. Hunar Haats are being organised across the Country to provide employment opportunities and markets to artisans/craftsmen.

(3) Nai Manzil- A scheme for formal school education & skilling of school dropouts or educated in community educational institutions like Madarsas.

(4) Nai Roshni- Leadership development of women belonging to minority communities and non-minority communities (not exceeding 25% of each batch).
