

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 874
ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022

STEPS TAKEN FOR MINORITIES EDUCATION

874. SMT. MAUSAM NOOR:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to provide education and employment opportunities for the upliftment of minority communities in West Bengal during the last three years;
- (b) whether Government provides any scholarship at the undergraduate/university level to the minorities in West Bengal;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any study has been conducted by Government regarding the actual condition of minorities in West Bengal; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) The Government has been implementing various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every strata, including minorities, specially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Rural Development etc.

Ministry of Minority Affairs specifically implements various schemes across the country including state of West Bengal for employment, economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities. The schemes/programmes implemented by the Ministry, during the last three years, in brief are as under:

(A) Educational Empowerment Schemes

(1) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme

- (2) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme
- (3) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme
- (4) Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme
- (5) Padho Pardesh Scheme
- (6) Naya Savera and Nai Udaan Schemes

(B) Employment and Economic Empowerment Schemes

- (7) Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS)
- (8) Equity to National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC)

15,464 scholarships under the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme and 16,884 scholarships under the Merit-Cum-Means Scheme have been provided at under-graduate/university level to students belonging to minority communities in West Bengal during the last three years, i.e. 2019-20 to 2021-22.

(d) & (e) No, Sir.
