

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1982**  
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023

**PROGRAM AND INITIATIVES BY MINISTRY**

1982. SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR: DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE :

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of key programs and initiatives introduced by the Ministry to assist minority communities; and
- (b) the manner in which these initiatives have effected the lives of the minorities?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

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

Ministry of Minority Affairs specifically implements various schemes across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the six (6) centrally notified minority communities. The details of programmes and initiatives introduced by the Government and the manner in which these initiatives have affected the lives of the Minority Communities are as under:

**(A) Educational Empowerment Schemes**

- i. Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme
- ii. Post Matric Scholarship Scheme
- iii. Merit-cum-Mean based Scholarship Scheme

**(B) Employment and Economic Empowerment Schemes**

- i) Erstwhile Seekho aur Kamao (SAK), Nai Manzil, USTTAD and Nai Roshni, schemes have been converged into an integrated scheme called 'Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS)' for minority communities.

ii) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) provides concessional loans to minorities on refinance mode which supports them in their Economic empowerment and generation of livelihoods. Government supports the NMDFC in execution of this programme.

**(C) Special Schemes**

- i. Jiyo Parsi: A Scheme for reversing the population decline of parsis in India.
- ii. Qaumi Waqf Board Taraqqiati Scheme(QWBTS) and Shahari Waqf Sampatti Vikas Yojana(SWSVY) to increase the earning of Waqf Properties.

**(D) Infrastructure Development Schemes**

Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK) to provide infrastructure for Socio-economic development of Minority concentrated areas.

The Scheme wise details are available on the website of the Ministry i.e [www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in)

(b) All the schemes together have contributed in the acquisition of high level skills, greater opportunities in livelihood, high employability potential, improved access to better infrastructure, improved health and to the overall welfare of the Minority Communities.

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