

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1984**  
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023

**MINORITY WELFARE SCHEMES**

1984. SHRI SADANAND SHET TANAWDE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by Government to comply with the 15-point programme for the welfare of minority communities;
- (b) whether any other step has been taken by Government for minority welfare; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) :- The Government has implemented 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 has adopted multi-pronged strategy so as to enhance the employability of notified minorities viz. Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains.

The schemes of the Ministry of Minority Affairs covered under the 15 Point Programme are exclusively meant for notified minorities. However, 15% of the outlays and targets, to the extent possible, of schemes/initiatives implemented by other participating Ministries/Departments are earmarked for notified minorities.

The schemes being implemented by Ministry of Minority Affairs and other participating ministries are as under:

- i. Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme
- ii. Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme

- iii. Merti-cum- Means based Scholarship Scheme
- iv. Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS)
- v. Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK)
- vi. National Minorities Development Finance Corporation (NMDFC) Loan Schemes
- vii. Samagra Shiksha Abhiyaan (M/o Education)
- viii. Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana (DAY-NRLM)- (M/o Rural Development)
- ix. Deen Dayal Upadhyay – Gramin Kaushal Yojana (M/o Rural Development)
- x. Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (M/o Rural Development)
- xi. National Urban Livelihoods Mission (M/o Housing & Urban Affairs)
- xii. Priority Sector Lending by Banks (Department of Financial Services)
- xiii. Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (Department of Financial Services)
- xiv. POSHAN Abhiyaan (Ministry of Women & Child Development)
- xv. National Health Mission (Department of Health & Family Welfare)
- xvi. Ayushman Bharat (Department of Health & Family Welfare)
- xvii. National Rural Drinking Water Programme (Department of Water & Sanitation)

Under the saturation approach of the Government many of the components have achieved mainstreaming & consistent efforts are being made to render full participation and benefits in the various relevant schemes for minority communities.

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