

## **NOTE ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

The year wise plan allocation, expenditure and percentage utilization is given in the table below:

Year	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates	Actual Expenditure	Percentage utilization	
				BE	RE
2007-08	500	350	196.65	39.33	58.18
2008-09	1000	650	619.02	61.9	95.23
2009-10	1740	1740	1710.89	98.33	98.33
2010-11	2600	-	-		

### **NEW SCHEMES OF MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS :**

#### **(a) Schemes and initiative launched in 2009-10**

- 756 fellowships for research scholars from minority communities under the Maulana Azad National Fellowship scheme have been sanctioned for pursuing M.Phil and Ph.D.
- Expressions of Interest have been received from organizations/institutions for implementation of scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women. It is proposed to train 1.828 lakh women in two years.
- Computerization of records of Waqf Boards: software development and strengthening of State Waqf Boards (SWBs) for implementation of this scheme is in progress.
- Strengthening of Central Waqf Council.
- 171 National Level Monitors (NLMs) have been empanelled and trained for monitoring implementation of various schemes of the Ministry in the field and have been deployed.

#### **(b) Schemes to be formulated, approved and launched during 2010-11.**

- Scheme for strengthening of State Waqf Boards.
- Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community (Parsis).
- Interest subsidy on education loans for overseas studies.
- Promotional activities for linguistic minorities.

### **PRIME MINISTER'S NEW 15 POINT PROGRAMME:**

The initiatives of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities fall broadly under four objectives:

- (A) Enhancing Opportunities for Education.
- (B) Equitable Share in Economic Activities and Employment.
- (C) Improving the Conditions of Living of Minorities.
- (D) Prevention & Control of Communal Riots.

Performance under these broad objectives is given below:

#### **A. Enhancing Opportunities for Education:**

As provided in the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities, the Ministry has introduced three scholarship schemes detailed below. Since 2007-08, 29.39 lakh scholarships have been awarded to the students belonging to minority communities. Details of achievements under these scholarship schemes are given below:

**Table 2**

Year	(i) Pre-matric Scholarship				(ii) Post-matric Scholarship			
	Target	Achievement	Financial Allocation (Rs. in crore)	Utilization (Rs. in crore)	Target	Achievement	Financial Allocation (Rs. in crore)	Utilization (Rs. in crore)
2007-08	Scheme launched in 2008-09				0.75 lakh	0.25 lakh	60.00	9.63
2008-09	3 lakh	5.13 lakh	79.90	62.21	1.25 lakh	1.7 lakh	69.93	70.63
2009-10	15 lakh	17.29 lakh	200.00	202.94	3 lakh	3.87 lakh	150.00	149.79
2010-11	20 lakh	-	450.00	-	4 lakh	-	265.00	-

(iii) **Merit-cum-means Scholarship scheme** for technical and professional courses: This scheme was launched in 2007-08 and cumulatively 79,435 scholarships have been awarded. During 2009-10, the achievement was 35,982 scholarships against the target of 42,000 scholarships. The target for 2010-11 is 55,000 scholarships.

(iv) Meritorious Girl's Scholarship Scheme of Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF): Cumulatively 34,991 scholarships have been awarded to meritorious girl students since 2006-07. During 2009-10, the achievement was 15070. The target for 2010-11 is 18,000 scholarships.

(b) As provided under the PM's New 15 Point Programme, in schemes considered amenable to earmarking 15% of targets were fixed for minorities. Under this, 4457 primary and upper primary schools and 20588 additional class rooms were constructed, 3530 new primary and upper primary schools were opened, 7765 teachers and 27 KGBVs were sanctioned under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in 2009-10.

(c) Since 2008-09, 6749 additional class rooms, 559 school buildings and 8 hostels have been approved and 105 additional class rooms, 215 school buildings and 62 hostels have been approved in-principle under Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) for Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs).

#### **B. Equitable Share in Economic Activities and Employment:**

As provided in the PM's New 15 Point Programme, the objective of ensuring equitable share to minorities in economic activities and employment is being achieved through the following schemes and programmes:

##### **(i) Access to Credit:**

- Credit/Loans by National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC): Cumulatively Rs.585.35 crore of term loans and micro finance have been disbursed to 2.51 lakh beneficiaries since 2006-07. Rs. 197.74 crore were disbursed to 1.045 lakh beneficiaries in 2009-10.
- 1759 bank branches have been opened in districts having a substantial minority population since 2007-08. During 2009-10, 699 bank branches were opened.
- Priority Sector Lending (PSL) for minorities, which stood at Rs.58662.67 crore in 2007-08, has increased to Rs 1,08,850.89 crore in 2009-10. This represents 9.67% of the total PSL in 2007-08 and 12.64% in 2009-10. The target for minorities for the next 3 years has been fixed at 15% of total PSL.

- (ii) **Free Coaching and Allied Scheme:** The scheme was revised and launched in 2006-07 and a cumulative total of more than 15,000 students/candidates have benefited. During 2009-10, the achievement was 5532 persons. The target for 2010-11 is 5760.

Year	No. of students/ candidates	Amount sanctioned (Rs. In crore)
2007-08	4,097	5.74
2008-09	5,522	7.30
2009-10	5532	11.21
2010-11	5760	15.00

- (iii) **Representation of persons from minority communities in recruitment to Government departments and public sector undertakings:** The recruitment of persons from minority communities in Ministries, public sector undertakings, public sector banks and financial institutions, railways etc. has increased from 12,182 in 2006-07 to 15,172 in 2008-09. This represents 6.92% of the total recruitment in 2006-07 and 9.24% in 2008-09.
- (iv) **Infrastructure for skill education:** 8 ITIs have been approved and 47 have been approved in-principle for construction and upgradation in minority concentration districts under MsDP. Besides, 8 new Polytechnics have been approved in-principle for construction in minority concentration districts. Under the new 15 Point Programme, 60 existing ITIs are being upgraded into Centres of Excellence.

**C. Improving the Conditions of Living of Minorities:**

As provided in the PM's New 15 Point Programme, the objective is achieved in the following manner:

- i) **Rural Housing:**
- Under the PM's New 15 Point Programme, 5.43 lakh minority families have benefited from Indira Awas Yojna (IAY) houses at a total cost of Rs. 1459.69 crore in 2009-10.
  - Under MsDP, 2.19 lakh IAY houses have been sanctioned in MCDs at a cost of Rs. 639.59 crore.
- ii) **Drinking Water:**
- Under the PM's New 15 Point Programme, out of 2,37,453 habitations, 1,70,629 habitations having substantial minority population have been covered under National Rural Drinking Water Programme.
  - Under MsDP, 26686 units of drinking water supply facilities have been sanctioned in MCDs at a cost of Rs. 145.18 crore.
- iii) **Access to health and facilities for women & child development:**
- Under the PM's New 15 Point Programme, 23712 anganwadi centres have been operationalised in blocks having a substantial minority concentration in 2009-10.
  - Under MsDP, construction of 23500 anganwadi centres has been sanctioned in MCDs at a cost of Rs. 684.21 crore up to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010.
  - Under MsDP, construction of 2313 health units which include Community Health Centres (CHCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Primary Health Sub Centres (PHSCs), Labour Rooms and Female Wards have been sanctioned up to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2010 in MCDs.
- (iv) **Urban facilities:**
- Under the PM's New 15 Point Programme, in 2009-10 flow of benefits to towns/cities having a substantial minority population was ensured in the following manner:-

- Under Basic Services for Urban Poor (BSUP), Rs.5576.38 crore have been sanctioned for 12 such towns.
- Under Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP), Rs.1770.83 crore have been sanctioned for 98 such towns.
- Under Urban Infrastructure and Governance (UIG), Rs.8623.66 crore have been sanctioned for 17 such cities.
- Under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), Rs.2533.16 crore have been sanctioned for 83 such towns.

**D. Prevention & Control of Communal Riots:**

To achieve this objective, the Communal Violence (Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill, 2005 is under consideration of Parliament. Ministry of Home Affairs had issued guidelines on communal harmony in July, 2008. During 2009, 826 communal incidents were reported in comparison to 943 such incidents during 2008.

**INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING:**

(a) **Waqf:**

- The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2010 was passed in the Lok Sabha on 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2010.
- Financial assistance has been released to 11 State Waqf Boards and Central Waqf Council for the scheme of computerization of records of Waqf Boards. National Informatics Centre (NIC) has been commissioned to develop the software of modules.
- A scheme has been approved for strengthening of Central Waqf Council.
- A plan scheme for strengthening of State Waqf Boards is under formulation.

(b) **Restructuring of NMDFC**

- A consultancy firm has been appointed to work out the details for restructuring of NMDFC. Work is going on in right earnest.
- The authorized share capital of NMDFC is Rs.1000 crore, and Rs. 645.36 crore as Central Government equity contribution has been paid up as on 31.3.2010 for implementing loan schemes to improve the economic status of minorities living below double the poverty line. The achievements for last three years are given below:-

Scheme	2007-08		2008-09		2009-10	
	Beneficiary	Loan released (Rs. in crore)	Beneficiary	Loan released (Rs. in crore)	Beneficiary	Loan released (Rs. in crore)
Term Loan	31,574	130.90	34,985	114.79	30,892	139.01
Micro Financing	16,159	13.22	16,213	15.93	73,702	58.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>47,733</b>	<b>144.12</b>	<b>51,198</b>	<b>130.72</b>	<b>1,04,594</b>	<b>197.74</b>

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION:**

- A proposal for setting up Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC) was sent to the Cabinet on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2010. The proposal is now under consideration of a Group of Ministers (GOM).
- Assessment and Monitoring Authority (AMA) and National Data Bank (NDB) have already been set up.

- The report of National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) is under consideration.

**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF MULTI-SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (MSDP):**

- A special area development programme known as the Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) in 90 Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) is being implemented from 2008-09.
- Although the Cabinet had approved an allocation of Rs. 3780 crore for MsDP, the Planning Commission has allocated only Rs. 2750 crore in the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan. The Ministry is implementing the schemes as approved by the Cabinet.
- The total amount released to the States under the programme is Rs. 1243.87 crore and expenditure reported by the States/ UTs is Rs. 253.27 crore which is 20.36 per cent of the releases made. Implementation in the field started only after the general elections in May, 2009.
- Under the programme, district plans of 80 districts have been approved, of which 15 MCD plans have been fully approved and 65 district plans have been partially approved.
- District plans of nine MCDs (seven in Arunachal Pradesh and two in Assam) are still awaited.

**ACHIEVEMENTS OF MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS FOR THE WELFARE OF MINORITIES IN NORTH EAST**

The scholarship schemes of Ministry of Minority Affairs under implementation for the year 2010-11 in North East are as follows-

Details of Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme in respect of North Eastern States

S.No.	Year	No. of Scholarships			Amt. Released (Rs. In Lakh)
		Target	Achievement	Female	
1	2008-09	52122	10921	5700	168
2	2009-10	124135	119775	62300	2294
3	2010-11 (upto 30.06.2010)	107920	38259	19349	837
Total:		284177	168955	87349	3299

Details of Post-matric Scholarship Scheme in respect of North Eastern States

S.No.	Year	No. of Scholarships			Amt. Released (Rs. In Lakh)
		Target	Achievement	Female	
1	2007-08	6195	762	315	44.95
2	2008-09	20651	11046	4428	658.657
3	2009-10	24869	17012	7235	1394.00
4	2010-11 (upto 30.06.2010)	33159	189	87	14
Total:		84874	29009	12065	2111.607

Details of Merit-cum-means Scholarship Scheme in respect of North Eastern states

S.No.	Year	No. of Scholarships			Amt. Released (Rs. In Lakh)
		Target	Achievement	Female	
1	2007-08	1652	680	146	211.88
2	2008-09	1652	1783	511	504.11
3	2009-10	1652	2432	713	756.43
4	2010-11 (upto 30.06.2010)	1652	83	20	25.01
Total:		6608	4978	1390	1497.43