

## **STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S NEW 15 POINT PROGRAMME FOR THE WELFARE OF MINORITIES**

- Programme launched in June, 2006 with definite goals to be achieved in a specific time frame.
- Important features are:
  - Enhancing opportunities for education
  - Providing an equitable share in economic activities and employment
  - Improving the conditions of living of minorities
  - Prevention and control of communal riots
- Programme seeks:
  - To ensure that the benefits of various government schemes reach disadvantaged sections of the minority communities.
  - To earmark for minorities, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes considered amenable to such earmarking.
  - To fix targets every year for all such schemes
  - To monitor implementation closely at the Centre and State level.
- Programmes considered amenable to earmarking are:
  - Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS),
  - Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)
  - Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidhyalaya Scheme (KGBV)
  - Swarnajayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY)
  - Indira Awas Yojana (IAY)
  - Upgradation of existing Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into centres of excellence.
  - Bank credit under priority sector lending
  - Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY)
  - Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) and Basic Services for Urban Poor (BSUP) under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM).
- 20 States/UTs have constituted State level and District level monitoring committees.
- **Notable achievements in 2006-07**
  - ICDS: 91.02% of the targets fixed was achieved under Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS).
  - SSA: More than 80% in construction of upper primary schools, new primary schools, new upper primary schools and number of teachers sanctioned.
  - KGBV: 82.20%
  - Guidelines issued for improving representation of minorities in Government; some encouraging trends in para-military forces.
  - 5118 madarsas assisted for modernisation.
  - 34.98% of project cost for BSUP and 17.8% of project cost for IHSDP approved for cities/towns with substantial minority population

## **EXCLUSIVE SCHEMES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MINORITIES OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

- Three scholarship schemes approved for students belonging to the minority communities.
- All three schemes have 30% earmarked for girl students.
- **Merit-cum-means based scholarship**
  - For technical and professional courses at under-graduate and postgraduate level.
  - 20,000 new scholarships every year.
  - Full re-imbursement of fees for 50 institutes listed in the scheme
  - Re-imbursement of course fee upto Rs.20, 000 per annum for other institutes.
  - Maintenance allowance of Rs.1000 for hostellers and Rs.500 for day-scholars for ten months in a year.
  - 17177 scholarships sanctioned to 27 States/UTs.
- **Post-matric scholarship**
  - Class-XI up to PhD level; also includes technical and vocational courses of class XI and XII
  - Re-imbursement of admission/tuition fee per annum upto Rs. 7,000 for class XI and XII, upto Rs 10,000 for technical/vocational courses at class XI and XII level, and upto Rs.3,000 for undergraduate and post graduate courses.
  - Maintenance allowance varying from Rs.235 to Rs.550 for hostellers and Rs. 140 to Rs.330 for day-scholar given.
  - 15 lakh scholarships targeted for the Eleventh Five Year Plan.
  - 24816 scholarships sanctioned in 15 States/UTs; 57.70% for girl students.
- **Pre-matric scholarship**
  - From class-I to class-X
  - Re-imbursement of admission fee up to Rs.500/- per annum and tuition fee up to Rs.350/- per month
  - Maintenance allowance at the rate of Rs.600/- per month from class VI to X for hostellers and Rs.100/- per month from class I to X for day-scholars.
  - 25 lakh scholarships targeted for the Eleventh Five Year Plan.
- **Coaching and allied scheme**
  - Launched in July, 2007
  - Caters to the emerging trends of the job market.
  - Expected to assist economically weaker sections of students belonging to the minority communities to avail job opportunities.
  - 60 cases sanctioned for 3837 candidates.
- **Maulana Azad Education Foundation**
  - MAEF corpus increased from Rs.100 crore to Rs.250 crore to enable it to expand its education development activities.
- **National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation**
  - Restructuring of the NMDFC recommended by an expert group under consideration. Authorised share capital of the NMDFC increased from Rs.650 crore to Rs.750 crore.

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