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Dated: 16th November., 2018

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: Monthly summary for the month of October, 2018 in respect of the
Ministry of Minority Affairs.**

The undersigned is forwarding herewith a copy of the Monthly Summary of important developments in the Ministry of Minority Affairs for the month of October, 2018.



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Some of the important development in the Ministry of Minority Affairs during the Month of October, 2018 are as follows:

1. 5th and 6th Meetings of Empowered Committee were held on 11th Oct. and 26th Oct, 2018 respectively to consider the project proposals received from the States of Assam, Kerala and Punjab under Pradhan Matri Jan Vikas Karyakram (PMJVK).
2. Under PMJVK, Rs.304.62 crore have been released to the States/UTs till 31st October, 2018 during 2018-19.
3. NMDFC has disbursed Rs. 1700.00 Lakh under Term Loan Scheme assisted 1,133 nos of Beneficiaries and Rs. 1000.00 Lakh under Micro Financing Scheme for assisting 4,000 beneficiaries. Similarly, NMDFC has recovered Rs. 4851.83 Lakh under Term Loan and Rs. 5296.09 Lakh under Micro Finance during October, 2018.
4. Hunar Haat was organised at Gandhi Thidal Beach, Puducherry from 13th to 21st October, 2018. 50 artisans and 13 culinary experts representing around 19 States/UTs participated in this exhibition.
5. Under the three Scholarship Schemes, namely, Pre-Matric, Post Matric and Merit - cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme, implemented by this Ministry, the physical achievement is 6,01,093 (including fresh and renewal) scholarships and financial achievement is Rs. 134.83 Crore till 31.10.2018. The time framed for applying online of the National Scholarship Portal (NSP) in respect of these three scholarship schemes was closed on 31.10.2018.
6. Preparation for Haj 2019 has been started immediately after completion of Haj 2018. The preparations have been started one month in advance as compared to the previous Haj. A meeting was taken by Minister (MA) on 03.10.2018 to take important policy decisions for the next Haj which was attended by Consul General, CGI Jeddah and senior officials from MEA, MoCA, MoHFW, Haj Committee of India and Air India. Following major policy decisions have been taken for Haj 2019:
 - i) For Haj 2019, Haj quota of HCoI has been fixed at 1,25,000 without additional conditions. It has also been decided that the Haj quota sharing between HCoI and PTO will be in the ratio 70:30 subject to the condition that the annual quota of HCoI does not fall below 1,25,000 seats.

- ii) All the Embarkation Points (EP) for Haj 2018 except Indore will continue for Haj 2019. In addition, Kozhikode will be re-started as the embarkation point for the pilgrims of Kerala. Option will be given to the pilgrims of the specified EPs to choose either their designated EP or the nearest economical EP.

7. The Haj Review Meeting 2018 was held under the chairmanship of Secretary (MA) on 11.10.2018 to review the arrangements made for Haj 2018 and to discuss various arrangements for Haj 2019. The meeting was attended by Ambassador, E/I Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Consul General, CGI, Jeddah and senior officials from MEA, MoCA, MoHFW, Haj Committee of India and Air India.

8. Announcement for Haj 2019 has been made on 17.10.2018. The process of application for Haj 2019 through Haj Committee of India has commenced online from 18.10.2018 and physical submission of offline forms/documents has started in State/UT Haj Committees from 22.10.2018.
