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MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Outcome Budget have become an integral part of the budgeting process since 2005-06 which establish effective linkages between allocation and disbursement of public funds on the basis of measurable performance yardsticks. Outcome Budget 2016-17 will broadly indicate the physical dimensions of the financial budget, as also the actual physical performance in 2014-15, and the performance till December for the year 2015-16 and the targeted physical performance during 2016-17.

2. Outcome Budget 2016-17 consists of the following Chapters:

Chapter I is introductory note on mandate, goals, policy framework, salient functions, organizational set-up of the Ministry as also major schemes/ programmes under implementation.

Chapter II contains tabular statements indicating details of financial outlays for various schemes/programmes, projected physical outputs and projected outcomes with objective to establish one-to-one correspondence between the financial outlays and targeted outcomes.

Chapter III contains reform measures and major policy initiatives of the Ministry of Minority Affairs to ensure equitable distribution of development benefits to the minorities, especially in education, employment opportunities, and living conditions. This chapter also provides details of efforts made by Ministry to mainstream gender concerns by allocating specific resources for women under various schemes/ programmes.

Chapter IV indicates scheme-wise analysis of physical performance during 2014-15 and 2015-16 (upto 31.12.2015) in relation to targets.

Chapter V contains comprehensive financial review of overall trends in expenditure vis-à-vis Budget Estimates/ Revised Estimates in recent years and includes position of outstanding utilization certificates.

Chapter VI provides a review of performance of Statutory and Autonomous Bodies and Public Sector Undertakings under administrative control of the Ministry.

Monitoring Mechanism:

Ministry of Minority Affairs places special emphasis on monitoring and evaluation of schemes and programmes being implemented by the Ministry for which comprehensive multi-level system of monitoring of its programmes has been evolved. Salient features of the monitoring mechanism are:

- (a) Monitoring mechanism is in-built in each scheme to ensure that objectives are achieved.

- (b) Implementation of Central Sector Plan Schemes and Centrally Sponsored Scheme are monitored through periodical progress reports received from State Governments/implementing agencies, indicating financial and physical progress of implementation of schemes.
- (c) The progress of implementation of programmes /schemes is reviewed with concerned State Governments /UT Administrations / Agencies / Organizations.
- (d) The progress of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for Welfare of Minorities is reviewed every quarter by the Ministry, on half-yearly basis by a Committee of Secretaries and thereafter a report is submitted to the Cabinet. The State and District Level Committees constituted for this programme also monitor the progress at the State and District levels.
- (e) Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) for Minorities is monitored by committees in the District, States and Central levels.
- (f) Utilization Certificates, Audited Accounts and other requisite reports thereof by implementing agencies are pre-requisites for release of second and subsequent installments.
- (g) Social audit is ensured and facilitated by photographs of assets created under MsDP on the website of the Ministry and States/UTs. Hyperlinks are provided on the website of the Ministry (<http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in>).

Public Information System:

Information, Education and Communication (IEC) have an important role in the implementation of various schemes and programmes of the Ministry. Ministry has adopted a multi-pronged strategy for creating awareness amongst minorities and ensuring their active participation in various schemes/ programmes. Various initiatives taken in this regard are as under:

- a) Publicity campaign is carried out through advertisements on various schemes of the Ministry in English, Hindi, Urdu and regional languages in print and electronic media all over the country.
- b) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on all the schemes/programmes of the Ministry have been placed on the website of the Ministry.
- c) With a view to disseminate information relating to implementation of various schemes in public domain, scheme details and the progress of implementation are hosted on Ministry's website (<http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in>). This is up-dated regularly. Ministry's portal provides information on schemes and programmes, reports, publications, documents, conferences, seminars, office circulars/notices etc.
- d) A Toll free helpline 1800-11-2001 is providing information on all schemes between 9:00 A.M to 6:00 PM on all working days.

Gender Specific Initiatives:

Pre-Matric, Post- Matric, Merit-cum-means based scholarship schemes, Maulana Azad National Fellowship, Free Coaching & Allied Scheme and Skill Development Initiatives (Seekho Aur Kamao) for minority communities provide for minimum earmarking 30% of the physical targets for minority girls.

Scheme for Leadership Development Training Programme of Minority Women exclusively meant for women.

The micro-finance scheme of NMDFC mainly aims at economic empowerment of women by meeting their credit needs through NGOs/SHGs.

Under the scheme of Mahila Samridhi Yojana of NMDFC, women are provided entrepreneurial training followed by requisite micro-credit at concessional rate of interest for income generating activities.

Maulana Azad Education Foundation awards scholarship to meritorious girl students belonging to the minority communities to pursue their studies in class XI and XII.

CHAPTER : I

FUNCTIONS & ORGANIZATIONAL SET UP OF THE MINISTRY

The Ministry of Minority Affairs was created on 29th January, 2006 to ensure a focused approach to the issues related to the minorities and to play a pivotal role in the overall policy formulation, planning, coordination, evaluation and review of the development programmes and monitoring mechanism for the benefit of the minority communities.

The Ministry is headed by a Cabinet Minister and assisted by a Minister of State. The Secretary of the Ministry is assisted by four Joint Secretaries including a part-time Joint Secretary & Financial Adviser. The three Joint Secretaries oversee (a) Policy & Administration, (b) Scholarships, Media & Evaluation, and Planning. (c) Institutions, Waqf and Coordination. They are assisted by seven Directors/Deputy Secretaries. The Ministry has a sanctioned strength of 98 Officers/Staff.

Activities of the Ministry

As per the instructions of the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Central Sector Schemes both Plan and Non-Plan have been divided under five sectors viz. Educational Empowerment, Skill Development, Special Programme for Minorities, Grants to Autonomous Bodies and Development of Minorities – Multi sectoral Development Programme.

A. Educational Empowerment

(i) Pre-matric scholarship for minorities:

Pre-matric scholarship is awarded to students from the minority communities who fulfill the eligibility criteria for studies from class I to X in Government schools/institutes and private schools / institutes recognized by an appropriate authority. 30% of the scholarships are earmarked for girl students. The scheme was launched w.e.f. 1.4.2008 as Centrally Sponsored Scheme with funding pattern between Centre and States in the ratio of 75:25. From 2014-15 onwards the scheme is made Central Sector Scheme with 100% Central funding.

(ii) Post-matric scholarship for minorities:

Post-matric scholarship is awarded to students from the minority communities, who fulfill the eligibility criteria for studies in India from class XI to Ph.D. in Government schools/colleges/institutes and private schools/colleges/institutes recognized by an appropriate authority, including technical and vocational courses of class XI & XII level in Industrial Training Institutes/Industrial Training Centers (affiliated to NCVT). 30% of the scholarships are earmarked for girl students. The scheme was launched in November 2007 as Centre Sector Scheme with 100% Central funding.

(iii) Merit-cum-means based scholarship for professional & technical courses:

Scholarships are provided to the students from the minority communities who fulfill the eligibility criteria for pursuing professional and technical courses at under-graduate and post-graduate levels in institutions recognized by an appropriate authority. 30% of the scholarships are earmarked for girl students. The scheme was launched in June, 2007 as Centre Sector Scheme with 100% Central funding.

(iv) Free Coaching & Allied Scheme:

The objective of the scheme is to assist candidates of economically weaker sections belonging to minority communities by providing opportunities for enhancing their knowledge and capabilities for employment in government sector through competitive examinations/process of selection, and for admission in reputed institutions. It also provides for remedial coaching for students in institutions for successful completion of their courses. This scheme is implemented directly by the Ministry of Minority Affairs with 100% Central assistance to the selected coaching institutes. The scheme provides for earmarking 30% of the target for girls.

For focused preparation in class XI & XII with Science subjects (PCB/PCM), a new component has been included in this scheme from financial year 2013-14 on Pilot basis. During 2014-15, grants for 1450 students have already been released to 9 Schools/Colleges in Six identified States. The rate of financial support per student under the new component is upto Rs.1.00 lakh per annum.

(v) Support for students clearing Prelims Conducted by UPSC/SSC, State Public Service Commission (PSC) etc.:

The objective of the Scheme is to provide support to the candidates from minority communities who qualified preliminary Examinations conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Staff Selection Commission (SSC), State Public Service Commissions (PSCs) etc. to improve their representation in government services. The representation of minority communities in the above mentioned services is much lower than the proportion of their population. This scheme is to ensure a focused intervention to reach the potential candidates. It is intended to give direct financial support to eligible candidates.

(vi) Interest subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies scheme for the students belonging to minority communities under the scheme of 'Padho Pardesh':

This scheme has been operationalized during 2014-15 with the objective of providing financial assistance by way of extending interest subsidy on education loans to students of minority communities for pursuing higher studies abroad.

(vii) Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students:

The objective of the scheme is to provide Fellowship in the form of financial assistance to students from the minority communities pursuing higher studies such as M.Phil and Ph.D.

The scheme covers all Universities, institutions, recognized by University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 2(f) and Section 3 of the UGC Act and is being implemented by this Ministry through University Grants Commission. National Fellowships is on the pattern of UGC Fellowship, awarded to research students pursuing M. Phil and Ph.D courses. 30% of the fellowship is earmarked for female scholars.

B. Skill Development

(i) Upgrading Skill and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD):

The scheme “USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/ Crafts for Development)” has been approved during 2014-15 to preserve the rich heritage of traditional arts/crafts of minorities. The scheme was formally launched on 14th May, 2015. The scheme aims at capacity building and updating the traditional skills of master craftsmen/artisans; documentation of identified traditional arts/crafts of minorities; set standards for traditional skills; training of minority youths in various identified traditional arts/crafts through master craftsmen; and develop national and international market linkages. Ministry has engaged National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), National Institute of Design (NID) and Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) as Knowledge Partners to work in various clusters for design intervention; product range development; packaging; exhibitions, fashion shows and publicity; tying up with e-marketing portals to enhance sales; and brand building.

(ii) Nai Manzil:

During 2015-16, Ministry formulated and launched a new scheme ‘Nai Manzil’ on 8th August, 2015. It is an integrated educational and livelihood initiative. The scheme will benefit the minority youths who do not have a formal school leaving certificate, *i.e.*, those in the category of school-dropouts or educated in the community education institutions like the *Madarsas*, with a view to enabling them to seek better employment in the organized sector and thus to equip them for better lives. Scheme has been approved with the cost of Rs. 650 Crore for five years. 50% funding has to come from the World Bank. The World Bank has approved the funding of US\$ 50 million. An amount of Rs.155 crore has been allocated in BE 2016-17.

(iii) Skill Development Initiatives - “Seekho aur Kamao”:

Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn), the skill development initiative, is a placement linked skill development scheme for poor minority youths. The scheme aims at upgrading the skills in various modern/traditional trades depending upon their qualification, present economic trends and market potential, which can earn them a suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self - employment. The scheme ensures placements of minimum 75% trainees, out of which at least 50% placement is in organized sector. Post placement tracking of trainees is mandatory for one year.

C. Special Programme for Minorities

(i) Hamari Dharohar:

Ministry has launched a scheme “**Hamari Dharohar**” in 2014-15 to preserve the rich heritage of minority communities of India. The scheme aims at curating iconic exhibitions, supporting calligraphy, preservation of old documents, research and development, etc. Government has decided to provide support to iconic exhibition of Parsis i.e. “**The Everlasting Flame**” to showcase the civilization and culture of the Parsis (Zoroastrians) during 2015-16. National Museum has been nominated the Nodal Agency for the purpose. This will involve curating 3 travelling exhibitions on Parsi Culture namely, ‘The Everlasting Flame’, ‘Threads of Continuity’ and Painted Encounters: Parsi Trades and the community to be held during March-May, 2016 at the National Museum (NM), National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) and Indira Gandhi National Centre for Arts (IGNCA). Ministry has also sanctioned a project to Dairatul Maarifil Osmania (an institution established in 1888 AD), Osmania University, Telangana for translation from Arabic language into English, digitization and re-printing of 240 invaluable documents belonging to Moghul period on the subjects of Medicines, Mathematics, Literature, etc.

(ii) Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community:

The population of a small minority community, namely, Parsis has declined from 1,14,000 in 1941 to 69,000 in 2001 as per Census population data. In order to arrest the declining population of a small minority community and arrest the trend, the scheme has been formulated and its implementation has commenced during 2013-14. So far, 34 babies have been delivered with medial intervention.

(iii) Leadership Development of Minority Women:

The objective of the scheme of Leadership Development of Minority Women is to empower and instill confidence in women, by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with Government systems, banks, and intermediaries at all levels so that they are emboldened to move out of the confines of home and community and assume leadership roles and assert their rights, collectively and individually, in accessing services, facilities, skills and opportunities besides claiming their due share if development benefits for improving their lives and living conditions.

(iv) Research/Studies, Monitoring and Evaluation of Development Schemes including Publicity:

The objective of the scheme is to generate information and database on problems and requirements of Minorities through Research studies, collect information about development deficits through Baseline Surveys, conduct concurrent Monitoring of schemes being implemented by the Ministry, formulate Annual Media Plan and carry out Multi media campaign for dissemination of information to generate awareness about schemes/ programmes and initiatives for notified Minorities, give wider publicity to Prime Minister’s 15 Point Programme for Welfare of Minorities and Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP), and to support organization for workshops/ seminars on the subjects relevant to minorities.

D. Grants to Autonomous Bodies

(i) Grants-in-Aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation:

Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) is a voluntary, non-profit making society, registered under the societies' Registration Act, 1860 to promote education among the educationally backward minorities. The Foundation receives grants-in-aid from the government towards its corpus and implements schemes from the interest earned on the Corpus Fund (Rs.1136.00 Crore at present). The two main schemes of the Foundation are: grants-in-aid for expansion and up-gradation of educational institutions run by NGOs and the scheme of grant of scholarships to meritorious girl students belonging to the minority communities studying in class XI and XII.

(ii) Equity Contribution to NMDFC:

National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) is engaged in promoting self-employment and other ventures amongst the backward sections of minority communities through its schemes of term loan and micro-financing. Share capital is provided to NMDFC to implement its various schemes. The Authorized Share Capital of NMDFC has been increased from ₹ 1,500 crore to ₹ 3,000 crore on 10th February, 2015. The share holding pattern among Centre, States and individual/institution has also been revised as 73:26:1

NMDFC extends terms loan, micro-finance and educational loans. There is a special scheme of micro-finance for women entrepreneurs called Mahila Samridhi Yojana. The micro-finance schemes of NMDFC mainly aim at empowerment of women by way of meeting their credit needs through NGOs/SHGs. NMDFC also implements the scheme of Mahila Samridhi Yojana. Under this scheme, women are provided entrepreneurial training followed by requisite micro-credit at concessional rate of interest for starting income generating activities.

(iii) Grants-in aid to State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) engaged for implementation of NMDFC Programme:

The National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) operates through State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs). The SCAs suffer from lack of infrastructure, manpower and resources to carry out their activities effectively and grants-in-aid are provided to them to strengthen their capabilities and operations. Under the revised scheme, 100% grant is provided by the Central Government to the SCAs on the basis of their performance.

(iv) Computerization of records of State and UT Waqf Boards and Strengthening of State Waqf Boards:

Under the scheme, the financial assistance is provided for computerization of Waqf records of the State/UT Waqf Boards. The Scheme is implemented through Central Waqf Council. Grants-in-aid have been released to 27 SWBs for Setting up of Centralised Computing Facilities (CCF). The CCF have been setup in the 27 SWBs. As on 30th November, 2015, 4,24,993 number of Waqf properties have been entered in the Waqf Management System of India (WAMSI) registration module. Further, an amount of Rs.19.18 crore has been released to the SWBs, CWC and NIC since inception of the scheme which

includes an amount of Rs.3.00 crore during the year 2014-15. The BE under the scheme for the year 2015-16 is Rs.3.00 crore.

The Plan scheme for strengthening of SWBs has been formulated to strengthen the Waqf Boards resulting a more transparent and accountable administration and management of their waqf properties and allow improvement in income generation attaining self-sufficiency. This would also help them in removal of encroachment from waqf properties by strengthening their enforcement wing. The Central assistance would be provided during the 12th Plan period, i.e. during the period the State Waqf Boards are expected to become self-sufficient with surplus income generation. Further, such funds would be provided subject to certain conditions that will ensure that the functioning and institutional capacity of the State Waqf Boards improve their income generation and become self-sufficient. Improvement in their capabilities will facilitate enhancement in their income that will reduce, and over the period of time, eliminate their dependence on outside financial support. The scheme is to be implemented through National Waqf Development Corporation Ltd. (NAWADCO). Therefore, the Central assistance would be provided by the Ministry to NAWADCO which in turn would release the funds to the SWBs for strengthening the legal & accounting section as well as for training & administrative cost of SWBs. The assistance will also be provided to strengthening the mechanism for removing illegal encroachment on waqf properties & GIS Mapping.

(v) Special officer for Linguistic Minorities:

The Office of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities (CLM) was established in July, 1957, in pursuance of the provision of Article 350-B of the Constitution, which came into existence as a result of the Constitution (7 Amendment) Act, 1956 consequent upon the recommendations of the States Reorganization Commission. Article 350-B envisages investigation by CLM of all matters relating to the safeguards provided for the linguistic minorities in India under the Constitution and reporting to the President upon these matters at such intervals as the President may direct, and the President cause all such reports to be laid before each House of Parliament and sent to the Government/Administrations of States/UTs concerned. The CLM interacts with States/UTs on all the matters pertaining to the issue concerning implementation of the Constitutional and nationally agreed Safeguards provided to linguistic minorities. 51st Report of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities for the period July, 2013 to June, 2014 was laid on the table of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 09-12-2015 and 08-12-2015 respectively.

E. Development of Minorities – Multi sectoral Development Programme

(i) Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP):

Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) were identified in 2007 on the basis of substantial minority population and relative backwardness in terms of socio-economic and basic amenities indicators. The objective of MsDP is to bridge the development deficits in socio-economic status and availability of basic amenities in the identified MCDs. It is implemented through the State Governments /UT Administrations.

In order to sharpen the focus on minority concentration areas, the unit of planning is now kept as minority concentrated blocks/towns instead of district for sharper focus on the minority concentration areas. The programme has identified 710 blocks and 66 towns falling in 196 districts for implementation during the 12th Plan. Further, 13 cluster of contiguous minority concentration villages (having at least 50% minority population) would also be considered for implementation of this programme.

CHAPTER: II

OBJECTIVE, OUTLAY, PHYSICAL OUTPUTS, OUTCOMES ETC. OF SCHEMES/PROGRAMMES

There is a budget provision of ₹ 3800 crore under Plan for the year 2016-17. A sum of ₹2,675 crore has been provided for Central Sector Schemes viz., (i) Grants-in-aid to MAEF, (ii) Pre-matric scholarship, (iii) Post-matric scholarship, (vi) Merit-Cum-means scholarship (v) Free coaching & allied scheme, (vi) Research/studies, monitoring & evaluation of development schemes for minorities including publicity (vii) Contribution of equity to NMDFC (viii) Grants-in-aid to State Channelizing Agencies (SCA's) engaged for implementation of NMDFC programmes, (ix) Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students, (x) Computerization of records of State Waqf Boards, (xi) Scheme for leadership development of minority women and (xii) Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for overseas studies, (xiii) Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community, (xiv) Strengthening of State Waqf Boards (xv) Skill Development Initiatives (xvi) Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Service Commissions (xvii) Upgrading Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD), (xviii) Hamari Dharohar, (xix) Nai Manzil etc. and ₹ 1,125 crore for Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz., Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) for Minorities . There is a budget provision of ₹ 3.18 crore under Non-Plan for the year 2016-17 for two schemes (₹3.15 crore for Grants-in-aid to Waqfs and ₹0.03 crore for Grants-in-aid to Central Waqf Council). The quantifiable deliverables, physical outputs, projected outcomes, timelines for each scheme/programme for the year 2016-17 is given, in the table below:-

Outcome Budget 2016-17

(₹ in crore)									
SI. No.	Name of Scheme / Programme	Objectives /Outcome	Outlay2016-17 (₹ in crore)			Quantifiable Deliverables/ Physical Outputs	Projected Outcomes	Processes /Timelines	Remarks /Risk Factors
1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8
			4 (i)	4 (ii)	4 (iii)				
			Non-Plan Budget	Plan Budget	Complementary Extra – Budgetary Resources				
Central Sector Schemes (CS)									
1	Grants-in-aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF)	To enhance the corpus of the Foundation by making investments	-	113.00	-	Release of ₹113 crore towards corpus of	50,000 scholarships and assistance to 200 educational institutions through NGOs for	During the year 2016-17.	Income of MAEF may not remain adequate to

1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8
			4 (i)	4 (ii)	4 (iii)				
		for earning interests for implementing schemes for the promotion of education for weaker sections among minorities.				MAEF.	Infrastructural development and improvement in educational infrastructure of institutes run by minorities and female literacy.		meet the desired objectives in case there is decline in interest rates available on investments of MAEF.
2.	Free Coaching and Allied Scheme for Minorities	To assist minority community students by providing free coaching to enhance their knowledge and skills for securing admission in technical and professional courses, employment in Government through competitive examinations and jobs in the private sectors.	-	45.00	-	Financial assistance for coaching of 7,000 students.	6,000 Minority students will be imparted coaching to enhance their knowledge and skills so that admission in technical & professional courses could be enhanced. Besides that, 1,500 minorities students will be provided focused preparation in classes XI and XII with science subjects.	During the year 2016-17.	

1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8
			4 (i)	4 (ii)	4 (iii)				
3.	Research/ Studies, Monitoring and Evaluation of Development Schemes including Publicity	Undertake research studies, evaluation studies and monitor programmes and schemes implemented for the welfare of minorities. Dissemination of information and publicity of schemes of Ministry of Minority Affairs.	-	45.00	-	Releasing advertisements in print, broadcast and electronic media. Undertaking research/impact studies on schemes. Monitoring and evaluation of schemes/ programmes.	Generation of awareness among target group and public about schemes of Ministry of Minority Affairs. Undertake research/ impact, evaluation studies and concurrent monitoring.	During the year 2016-17 as per approved Media Plan.	
4.	Contribution to Equity of NMDFC	Contribution to the equity of NMDFC to enable it to extend concessional finance for self-employment and other ventures for minorities.	-	140.00	-	₹140.00 crore as equity contribution	The outreach of the concessional loan scheme of NMDFC for the notified minorities will be enhanced.	During the year 2016-17.	Achievements of outcome will be impeded in case of the following: 1. If the contribution of State Governments towards equity is not forth coming. 2. If States do not give Government guarantee. 3. Low rates of recovery of loans disbursed 4. If State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) are not functioning.

1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8
			4 (i)	4 (ii)	4 (iii)				
5.	Grants-in-Aid to State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) engaged for implementation of NMDFC Programmes	Strengthening the infrastructure of manpower and resources of SCAs to carry out their lending activities effectively.	-	2.00	-	To strengthen the infrastructure of performing SCAs in States and Union Territories.	Lending operations of the SCAs are expected to improve.	During the year 2016-17.	Achievement of outcome will be impeded in case the State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) are non-functional.
6.	Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students	To provide Fellowship for M.Phil. and Ph.D to students from minority communities	-	80.00	-	756 fresh fellowships and renewals	Academic output and research ability of students of minority communities will improve	During the year 2016-17	
7	Computerization of Records of State Waqf Boards(SWBs)	Financial assistance to State Waqf Boards for computerization of their records.	-	3.30	-	Covering all the 30 State/UT Waqf Boards	Computerization of all record of Waqf Properties in all 4 Modules of WAMSI and digitization of Waqf records.	During the year 2016-17.	
8.	Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women	To empower and instill confidence among minority women including their neighbours from other communities living in the same village / locality, by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with Government systems, Banks and other institutions at all levels	-	15.00	-	Leadership training of 40,000 minority women including 25% from non-minority communities.	Empowerment of minority women to take leadership role to have access to benefits of Government programmes and other institutions.	During the year 2016-17.	Identification and verifications of credible organizations/ institutes to impart training

1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8
			4 (i)	4 (ii)	4 (iii)				
9	Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for overseas studies,	To provide financial assistance by way of extending interest subsidy on educational loans for pursuing higher studies abroad	-	4.00	-	100 students covered	Lesser financial burden on families of minority students who are pursuing higher education overseas.	During the year 2016-17.	
10	Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community	To arrest the declining population trend of small minority community, viz Parsis.	-	2.00	-	Not quantifiable	Declining population of small minority community, viz Parsis would be contained.	During the year 2016-17.	
11	Strengthening of States Waqf Boards	Financial assistance to State Waqf Boards for strengthening these in order to improve their performance and capabilities.	-	9.70	-	30 Waqf Boards to be covered	Improved functioning of State Waqf Boards and higher generation of surplus funds from Waqf properties for implementing welfare activities for the poor Muslims.	During the year 2016-17.	
12	Skill Development Initiative	To provide skills and skill up-gradation to enhance employment and livelihoods.	-	210.00	-	1,15,000 Minority youths	Imparting skill upgradation of minority communities to facilitate vertical and horizontal mobility, job surety, lifelong learning Opportunities and thus economic empowerment.	During the year 2016-17.	

1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8
			4 (i)	4 (ii)	4 (iii)				
13	Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Service Commissions etc.	To provide financial support to candidates from Minority Communities clearing preliminary examination.	-	4.00	-	800 beneficiaries	Improvement in the representation of minority communities in the Civil Services.	During the year 2016-17.	
14	Merit cum Means based scholarship for students belonging to the minority communities.	To enable the students to pursue professional and technical courses at graduate and post-graduate level.	-	335.00	-	60,000 fresh in addition to renewals	Awarding scholarships for technical and professional courses would equip them for availing of employment opportunities and would encourage more students to pursue such courses.	During the year 2016-17.	
15	Pre-matric scholarships for students belonging to the minority communities	To encourage parents from Minority Communities to send their school going children to school, lighten their financial burden on school education and sustain their efforts to compete school education.	-	931.00	-	30 lakh fresh in addition to renewals	Awarding scholarships would encourage school going children to pursue education and complete their studies. It will improve literacy rate amongst minority communities	During the year 2016-17.	.

1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8
			4 (i)	4 (ii)	4 (iii)				
16	Post-matric scholarships for students belonging to the minority communities	To provide better opportunities for higher education, increase their attainment in higher education and enhance their employability.	-	550.00	-	5 lakh fresh in addition to renewals	Awarding scholarships would encourage students to pursue higher education and complete their studies. It will improve and enhance their job prospects.	During the year 2016-17.	.
17	Upgrading Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD)	To build capacity and update traditional skills of master craftsmen/artisans. These trained master craftsmen/artisans will train the minority youths in various specific traditional arts/crafts.	-	20.00	-	30 clusters will be identified for intervention for design development and product range development	Ensure preservation of rich heritage of the traditional arts and craft of minorities. Generate means of better livelihood for marginalized minorities and to bring them to main stream.	During the year 2016-17.	
18	Hamari Dharohar	To curate rich heritage of minorities under overall concept of Indian culture, curating iconic exhibitions,	-	11.00	-	2 projects	Ensure curating exhibitions including iconic exhibitions, documentation of oral traditions/art form, support to calligraphy and related crafts,	During the year 2016-17.	The scheme is for selective intervention. Hence the outcome depends

1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8
			4 (i)	4 (ii)	4 (iii)				
		preservation and promotion of languages supporting calligraphy and related crafts, research and Development.					award of fellowship for research and development.		on the number of proposals received in a year
19	Nai Manzil	The schemes aims to benefit the minority youth who are in the category of school – dropouts or educated in the community education institutions like the Madarsas, with a view to enabling them to seek better employment in the organized sectors.	-	155.00	-	New Scheme. Yet to be quantified.		During the year 2016-17	

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			4 (i)	4 (ii)	4 (iii)				
Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)									
20	Multi Sectoral Development Programme (MsDP).	To bridge the development deficits in socio-economic conditions and availability of basic amenities in the identified minority Concentration Blocks/Towns MCBs/MCTs).	-	1125.00	-	To consider approval of projects Minority Concentration Blocks (MCBs)/Towns etc. and releasing funds for completion of projects.	Improvement in the socio- economic and basic amenities parameters in literacy, work participation, housing, drinking water supply, toilets, lighting etc.	During the year 2016-17.	Achievement of deliverables is dependent upon State Governments /UT Administrations in sending plan proposals and implementing the approved programme on time.
Non-Plan Schemes									
21	Grants –in-aid to Waqf	Financial assistance for development of Urban Waqf properties	3.15	-	-	Waqf properties to be developed on commercial basis for generating more income	Enhance income from Waqf properties by development of Waqf Properties situated in Urban area.	During the year 2016-17.	
22	Grants –in-aid to Central Waqf Council	Financial assistance to Central Waqf Council	0.03	-	-	Providing financial assistance to Central Waqf Council.	Improvement in the functioning of Central Waqf Council. The scheme is yet to be formulated.	During the year 2016-17.	

Chapter: III

POLICY INITIATIVES AND REFORM MEASURES

Policy Initiatives

There are six communities – Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains—notified by the Government as minority communities under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992. As per the 2011 Census, these minority communities constitute 19.32 per cent of the total population. The Ministry has taken several policy initiatives to ensure equitable distribution of development benefits to the minorities, especially in education, employment opportunities, and living conditions, some of which are given below:

(i) Prime Minister's New 15-Point programme for the Welfare of Minorities

The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities has the objectives of (a) Enhancing opportunities for education; (b) Ensuring an equitable share for minorities in economic activities and employment, through existing and new schemes, enhanced credit support for self-employment, and recruitment to State and Central Government jobs; (c) Improving the conditions of living of minorities by ensuring an appropriate share for them in infrastructure development schemes and; (d) Prevention and control of communal disharmony and violence.

An important aim of the new programme is to ensure that the benefits of various government schemes for the underprivileged reach the disadvantaged sections of the minority communities. In order to ensure that the benefits of these schemes flow equitably to the minorities, the new programme envisages location of a certain proportion of development projects in minority concentration areas. It also provides that, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes should be earmarked for minorities.

(ii) Educational Empowerment

(a) The Ministry has laid emphasis on educational empowerment of the students belonging to the minority communities through various scholarship schemes, namely, Pre-matric, Post-matric, Merit-cum-means scholarships and Maulana Azad National Fellowship schemes. The Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) provides grants for improving infrastructural facilities to private educational institutions etc. and scholarships for meritorious girl students belonging to the minority communities for study in classes XI and XII.

(b) Under the Scheme of 'Interest subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies-Padho Pardesh', interest subsidy is provided on educational loans availed from banks for higher studies abroad.

(iii) Employment opportunities

(a) The scheme “USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/ Crafts for Development)” has been launched on 14th may, 2015 to preserve rich heritage of traditional arts/crafts of minorities and build capacity of poor traditional artisans/craftsmen. The trained traditional master artisans/craftsmen may be involved in training of minority youths in traditional arts / crafts, particularly dying arts/crafts. In addition, the scheme aims to establish linkages of traditional arts/ crafts with the national and international market and ensure dignity of labour. Recently, the Ministry has engaged National Institute of Design (NID), National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) and Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP) as Knowledge Partners under the scheme. These Knowledge Partners will intervene in the Minority Clusters for (a) design intervention, (b) product range development, (c) packaging (d) exhibitions, fashion shows and publicity through media, (e) tying up with e-marketing portals for increased sales and (f) brand building, in order to preserve and develop traditional arts/crafts.

(b) Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills (MANAS) has been established as a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) by NMDFC (a CPSE under Ministry Minority Affairs) on 11/11/2014 for providing an integrated & unified institutional arrangement, to meet all Skill Development/ Skill Up-gradation needs of the Minority communities in the country. The Academy has established an All India Level training framework for Entrepreneurship & Skill Development Programme (E&SDP) based on PPP model, for imparting skill training to minority population determined by the market demand. The outcome of the training is to ensure self/wage-employment to atleast 80% of the trainees, with greater emphasis on self-employment & Entrepreneurship. This is done by providing concessional credit linkage to the trainees from NMDFC and other financial institutions, keeping in view the special needs of vast majority of Muslim youth enrolled in Madarsas.

MANAS has launched an innovative scheme of integrating Traditional Educational Institutions of Minorities like Madarsas/ Maktabas/ Monasteries, with skill development initiative of MOMA through MANAS. Under this initiative MANAS establishes Skill Development Training Centers in Traditional Educational Institutions of Minorities like Madarsas for providing free of cost training to Madarsa Students and other members of the minority communities in the local area. The skill sets selected are based on the local market demand, for skilled manpower.

(c) A new scheme ‘**Nai Manzil**’ has been launched on 8th August, 2015. The scheme will benefit the minority youths who do not have a formal school leaving certificate, *i.e.*, those in the category of school-dropouts or educated in the community education institutions like the *Madarsas*, with a view to enabling them to seek better employment in the organized sector and thus to equip them for better lives. Scheme has been approved with the cost of Rs. 650 Crore for five years. 50% funding has to come from the World Bank. The World Bank has approved the funding of US\$ 50 million.

(d) The Central Government on 10.02.2015 has increased the Authorized Share Capital of National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) from ₹1,500.00 crore to ₹3,000.00 crore. With increase in Authorized Share Capital and revised shareholding pattern of NMDFC, the Central Government is in position to

contribute its share capital to the NMDFC and the NMDFC will be in position to leverage more funds for lending schemes for self-employment.

(e) Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn), the skill development initiative, is a placement linked skill development scheme, being implemented since 2013-14, for poor minority youths. The scheme aims at upgrading the skills in various modern/traditional trades depending upon their qualification, present economic trends and market potential, which can earn them a suitable employment or make them suitably skilled to go for self-employment. The scheme ensures placements of minimum 75% trainees, out of which at least 50% placement is in organized sector. A Management Information System (MIS) for the skill development scheme "Seekho aur Kamao" has been started by the Ministry. This portal captures details regarding Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs), trainees, location of trainings, their placement and post placement tracking. It will bring transparency and efficiency in implementation of the programme.

(f) Free Coaching & Allied scheme has been revised to cover training and improve its impact. The scheme provides for earmarking 30% benefits for girls.

(iv) Area Development Programme

Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) were identified in 2007 on the basis of substantial minority population and relative backwardness in terms of socio-economic and basic amenities indicators. Thus, MsDP was launched as a special area development programme. The objective of MsDP is to bridge the development deficits in socio-economic status and availability of basic amenities in the identified MCDs. It is implemented through the State Governments /UT Administrations.

In order to sharpen the focus on minority concentration areas, the unit of planning has been now kept as minority concentrated blocks/towns instead of district. The programme has now identified 710 blocks and 66 towns falling in 196 districts for implementation during the 12th Plan. Further, 13 clusters of contiguous minority concentration villages (having at least 50% minority population) would also be considered, for implementation of this programme.

(v) Women Empowerment

Ministry of Minority Affairs has started implementation of the scheme for "Leadership Development of Minority Women" with an objective to empower and instill confidence in women, by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with Government systems, banks, and intermediaries at all levels so that they are emboldened to move out of the confines of home and community and assume leadership roles and assert their rights, collectively and individually, in accessing services, facilities, skills and opportunities besides claiming their due share of development benefits for improving their lives and living conditions. Empowerment of women *per se* is not only essential for equity, but it also constitutes a critical element in the fight for poverty reduction, economic growth and civil society strengthening. Ministry has launched Online Application Management System (OAMS) on 20.08.2015. The entire process of submission of applications for implementation of the scheme, scrutiny, sanction and

release of funds by the Ministry has been made online. This system aims to simplify the procedure and also ensures transparency in the whole process of selection and empanelment of the organizations. Moreover, the entire training details will be kept in public domain.

(vi) Computerization of Records of State and UT Waqf Boards.

The scheme of computerization of records of State and UT Waqf Boards will introduce transparency, enhance efficiency of the Waqf Boards to allow them to monitor their auqaf, update property data bases, prevent encroachments, monitor incomes from waqf properties, fight legal cases on time and streamline record keeping and management. The software for the computerization process has been developed by the National Informatics Centre in consultation with the Ministry. Central Waqf Council has been designated as Implementing Agency.

(vii) Strengthening of State Waqf Boards

The Plan scheme for strengthening of SWBs has been formulated to strengthen the Waqf Boards resulting a more transparent and accountable administration and management of their waqf properties and allow improvement in income generation attaining self-sufficiency. This would also help them in removal of encroachment from waft properties by strengthening their enforcement wing. The Central assistance would be provided during the 12th Plan period, i.e. during the period the State Waqf Boards are expected to become self-sufficient with surplus income generation. Further, such funds would be provided subject to certain conditions that will ensure that the functioning and institutional capacity of the State Waqf Boards improve their income generation and become self-sufficient. Improvement in their capabilities will facilitate enhancement in their income that will reduce, and over the period of time, eliminate their dependence on outside financial support. The scheme is to be implemented through National Waqf Development Corporation Ltd. (NAWDCO). Therefore, the Central assistance would be provided by the Ministry to NAWDCO which in turn would release the funds to the SWBs for strengthening the legal & accounting section as well as for training & administrative cost of SWBs. The assistance will also be provided to strengthening the mechanism for removing illegal encroachment on waqf properties.

Reforms/ Steps for Improvement.

The following steps have been taken for the improvement of the ongoing Schemes:-

(I) National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC):

- a. NMDFC implements its lending schemes through State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) nominated by respective State Governments/ UT Administrations.
- b. Ministry implements a performance based scheme for Grants-in-Aid to State Channelizing Agencies (SCAs) through NMDFC for strengthening their infrastructure and operations.
- c. NMDFC has also been directed to examine the possibility of tie-ups with banks as alternative channels to enhance outreach.

d. NMDFC has also raised the annual family income eligibility criterion up to Rs.6.00 lakh per annum to enhance outreach. Moreover, the quantum of loan amount under Term Loans, Micro Finance and Educational Loan have also been increased. Quantum of loan under Term Loan scheme has been increased from ₹10.00 lakh to ₹30.00 lakh while under Micro-Finance scheme, it has been increased from ₹50,000/- to ₹1.50 lakh per member of a Self Help Group. Under Education Loan scheme, the quantum of loan has been increased from ₹5.00 lakh to ₹20.00 lakh for domestic courses and from ₹10.00 lakh to ₹30.00 lakh for courses abroad.

(II) Seekho aur Kamao: A Management Information System (MIS) for the skill development scheme has been started by the Ministry. This portal captures details regarding Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs), trainees, location of trainings, their placement and post placement tracking. It will bring transparency and efficiency in implementation of the programme.

(III) Nai Roshni: Ministry has launched Online Application Management System (OAMS) for the scheme “Nai Roshni” on 20.08.2015. The entire process of submission of applications for implementation of the scheme, scrutiny, sanction and release of funds by the Ministry has been made online. This system aims to simplify the procedure and also ensures transparency in the whole process of selection and empanelment of the organizations. Moreover, the entire training details will be kept in public domain.

(IV) MANAS has launched an innovative scheme of integrating Traditional Educational Institutions of Minorities like Madarsas/ Maktabs/ Monasteries, with skill development initiative of MOMA through MANAS. Under this initiative MANAS establishes Skill Development Training Centres in Traditional Educational Institutions of Minorities like Madarsas for providing free of cost training to Madarsa Students and other members of the minority communities in the local area. The skill sets selected are based on the local market demand, for skilled manpower.

(V) Monitoring of progress of various schemes and programmes:

Ministry of Minority Affairs places special emphasis on monitoring and evaluation of schemes and programme being implemented by the Ministry for which comprehensive multi-level system of monitoring of its programmes has been evolved. Salient features of the monitoring mechanism are:

- (a) Monitoring mechanism is in-built in each scheme to ensure that objectives are achieved.
- (b) Implementation of Central Sector Plan Schemes and Centrally Sponsored Schemes are monitored through periodical progress reports received from State Governments/implementing agencies, indicating financial and physical progress of implementation of schemes.
- (c) The progress of implementation of programmes /schemes is reviewed with concerned State Governments/UT administrations/Agencies/Organizations.

- (d) The progress of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for Welfare of Minorities is reviewed every quarter by the Ministry, on half-yearly basis by a Committee of Secretaries, and thereafter a report is submitted to the Cabinet. The State and District Level Committees constituted for this programme also monitors the progress at the State and district level.
- (e) Multi-Sectoral Development Programmes (MsDP) in Minority Concentration Districts (MCD) has comprehensive multi-level system of monitoring. MsDP is monitored by committees in the district, States and Central levels.
- (f) Utilization Certificates, audited accounts and other requisite reports thereon by implementing agencies are pre-requisites for release of second and subsequent installments.
- (g) Social audit is enabled by placing the list of students awarded scholarships and photographs of assets created under MsDP in the website of the Ministry and States/UTs. Hyperlinks are provided on the website of the Ministry (*<http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in>*).
- (h) From the year 2015-16, a dedicated scholarship portal i.e. National Scholarship Portal (NSP) under URL: www.scholarships.gov.in. for applying online scholarship has been introduced for Pre-matric, Post Matric and Merit -cum-means based scholarship scheme for students belonging to minority communities. A link to the same is also available in the website of this Ministry i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

CHAPTER-IV

Review of the Past Performance

Details for 2014-15

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No	Scheme/ Programme	Year	Financial Targets	Financial Achievement	Physical Targets	Physical Achievement
1.	Grants-in-aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF)	2014-15	113	113	Disbursing of grants to 150 NGOs and 45,000 scholarships to girl students	General body of MAEF has approved 45,000 applications (out of 1.14 lakh applications received by MAEF) for award of scholarships.
2.	National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (equity contribution)	2014-15	120	30.00	Disbursing Micro-credit and term loan of ₹400 crore through NGOs/SCAs to 97,000 beneficiaries.	Micro-credit and term loan of ₹431.20 crore was disbursed through NGOs/SCAs to 1,08,752 beneficiaries.
3.	Grants-in-aid to State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) engaged for implementation of NMDFC programmes	2014-15	2.00	2.00	Releasing grants in aid to SCAs.	Released to SCAs on the basis of performance.
4.	Free Coaching & Allied Schemes for Minorities	2014-15	25.00	31.48	Imparting financial assistance for coaching of 7,000 students	Funds released for coaching of 8,168 students.
5.	Research/studies, monitoring & evaluation of development schemes for Minorities including publicity	2014-15	45.00	32.24	To undertake Research/Studies, monitoring and evaluation. Launching of multi-media campaign.	Multi-media campaign has been carried out. Publicity of the schemes was done through Print Media and broadcasted through electronic media. Outdoor publicity was also carried out.

₹ in crore)						
Sl. No	Scheme/ Programme	Year	Financial Targets	Financial Achievement	Physical Targets	Physical Achievement
6.	Merit-cum-Means based scholarship for professional and technical courses	2014-15	335	381.27	Awarding 60,000 scholarships (excluding renewals)	Awarded 1,38,770 (fresh: 81,291 and renewal: 57,479) scholarships.
7.	Pre-matric scholarships for students belonging to minorities	2014-15	1100	1129.27	Awarding 30 lakh fresh scholarships (excluding renewals).	Awarded 74,96,593 scholarships (fresh: 30,45,596 and renewal : 44,50,997)
8.	Post-matric scholarships for students belonging to minorities	2014-15	598.50	501.28	Awarding 5 lakh fresh scholarships (excluding renewals).	Awarded 9,05,602 scholarships (fresh: 7,99,192 and renewal : 1,06,428).
9.	Multi-sectoral Development Programme in selected minority concentration districts. (MCDs)	2014-15	1250	768.21	Approving blocks/towns plan of remaining minority concentration and releasing funds for completion of projects already approved.	Approved projects for an amount of Rs. 809.04 crore upto 31.03.2015. The items approved include Indira Awas Yojana houses, anganwadi buildings, infrastructure for health centres, water supply projects, additional classrooms, school buildings, students hostel for girls and boys, Industrial Training Institute (ITI), polytechnics etc.
10	Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students	2014-15	50.00	0.12	Awarding 756 fresh fellowships (excluding renewals).	UGC awarded 4532 fellowships.
11	Computerization of Records of State Waqf Boards (SWBs)	2014-15	3.00	3.00	Data entry of 4.90 lakh Waqf properties in WAMSI Registration Module.	As on 30.11.2014 3,51,862 Waqf properties have been entered in WAMSI Registration Module.

₹ in crore)						
Sl. No	Scheme/ Programme	Year	Financial Targets	Financial Achievement	Physical Targets	Physical Achievement
12	Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women	2014-15	14.00	13.99	Imparting training to 40,000 women.	Funds released for 24 States to impart training to 71,075 Women.
13	Scheme of interest subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies for students belonging to minority communities.	2014-15	4.00	3.50	100 students	573 students.
14	Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community.	2014-15	2.00	0.50	Not quantifiable	Advocacy and medical assistance were taken up.
15	Strengthening of the State Waqf Boards	2014-15	7.00	3.90	15 State Waqf Boards are to be covered	Grant-in aid have been released to 15 State Waqf Boards.
16	Skill Development Initiative	2014-15	46.23	46.21	20,000 minority youths.	20,720 minority youths.
17	Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Services Commissions etc.	2014-15	4.00	2.96	800 students	786 candidates
18	Secretariat	2014-15	1.50	0.88	Strengthening the Information technology for the Ministry.	Provision was utilized for strengthening the information technology in the Ministry.
19	Grants-in-aid to State and UTs Waqf Boards. (Non-Plan)	2014-15	3.15	2.74	To develop urban Waqf properties on commercial level for generating more income in order to increase welfare activities.	7 Projects pertaining to Development of Waqf Properties have been sanctioned for loan through CWC.
20	Grants-in-aid to Central Waqf Council (Non-Plan)	2014-15	0.03	0.00	Providing financial assistance to Central Waqf Council.	The scheme will be formulated after completion of study of restructuring of CWC for which bids have been invited from selected Agencies.

Details for 2015-16

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No	Scheme/ Programme	Year	Financial Targets	Financial Achievement (up to 31.12.15)	Physical Targets	Physical Achievement (upto 31.12.15)
1.	Grants-in-aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF)	2015-16	113	113	Disbursing of grants to 150 NGOs and 50,000 scholarships to girl students	Rs. 4.68 crore is sanctioned to 41 NGOs. Selection for scholarships are under process.
2.	National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (equity contribution)	2015-16	120	120	Disbursing Micro-credit and term loan of ₹450 crore through NGOs/SCAs to 75,000 beneficiaries.	Micro-credit and term loan of ₹320.04 crore was disbursed through NGOs/SCAs to 62,087 beneficiaries.
3.	Grants-in-aid to State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) engaged for implementation of NMDFC programmes	2015-16	2.00	1.75	Releasing grants in aid SCAs.	Released to SCAs on the basis of performance.
4.	Free Coaching & Allied Schemes for Minorities	2015-16	45.00	35.81	Imparting financial assistance for coaching of 7,000 students	Funds released for coaching of 13,987 students.
5.	Research/studies, monitoring & evaluation of development schemes for Minorities including publicity	2015-16	45.25	34.63	To undertake Research/ Studies, monitoring and evaluation. Launching of multi-media campaign.	Multi-media campaign has been carried out. Publicity of the schemes was done through Print media and broadcasted through electronic media. Outdoor publicity was also carried out.
6.	Merit-cum-Means based scholarship for professional and technical courses	2015-16	335	35.85	Awarding 60,000 scholarships (excluding renewals)	13229 scholarships (renewals).
7.	Pre-matric scholarships for students belonging to minorities	2015-16	1040.10	0.77	Awarding 30 lakh fresh scholarships (excluding renewals).	

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No	Scheme/ Programme	Year	Financial Targets	Financial Achievement (up to 31.12.15)	Physical Targets	Physical Achievement (upto 31.12.15)
8.	Post-matric scholarships for students belonging to minorities	2015-16	580.10	0.53	Awarding 5 lakh fresh scholarships (excluding renewals).	Awarded 34 scholarships (renewals)
9.	Multi-sectoral Development Programme in selected minority concentration districts. (MCDs)	2015-16	1251.64 minus Rs.125 crore re-appropriated to Skills Development Initiatives	842.71	Approving blocks/towns plan of remaining minority concentration and releasing funds for completion of projects already approved.	Approved projects for an amount of Rs. 762.72 crore upto 31.12.2015. The items approved include Indira Awas Yojana houses, anganwadi buildings, infrastructure for health centres, water supply projects, additional classrooms, school buildings, students hostel for girls and boys, Industrial Training Institute (ITI), polytechnics etc.
10	Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students	2015-16	49.83	49.74	Awarding 756 fresh fellowships (excluding renewals).	The selection for the 2015-16 is under process with UGC till 31.12.2015.
11	Computerization of Records of State Waqf Boards (SWBs)	2015-16	3.00	0.00	Data entry of 4.90 lakh Waqf properties in WAMSI Registration Module.	As on 30.11.2015 4,24,993 Waqf properties have been entered in WAMSI Registration Module.
12	Scheme of interest subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies for students belonging to minority communities.	2015-16	4.19	4.00	100 students	770 candidates were awarded interest subsidy.

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No	Scheme/ Programme	Year	Financial Targets	Financial Achievement (up to 31.12.15)	Physical Targets	Physical Achievement (upto 31.12.15)
13	Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community.	2015-16	2.00	1.18	Not quantifiable	Advocacy and medical assistance were taken up.
14	Strengthening of the State Waqf Boards	2015-16	6.70	3.00	30 State Waqf Boards are to be covered	Grant-in –aid have been released to 27 State Waqf Boards.
15	Skill Development Initiative	2015-16	67.45 plus additional funds of Rs.125.00 crore re-appropriated from MsDP	143.43	25,000 minority youths.(revised targets of 1,13,000 minority youths)	92,330 minority youths.
16	Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Services Commissions etc.	2015-16	4.00	3.56	800 candidates	988 candidates were provided financial assistance amounting to Rs. 3.56 crore.
17	Secretariat	2015-16	1.49	0.38	Strengthening the Information technology for the Ministry.	Provision was utilized for strengthening the information technology in the Ministry.
18	Grants-in-aid to State and UTs Waqf Boards. (Non-Plan)	2015-16	3.15	2.51	To develop urban Waqf properties on commercial level for generating more income in order to increase welfare activities.	Grant-in-aid to CWC amounting to Rs.2.51 crore has been released for providing loan to 5 Waqf Institutions.
19	Grants-in-aid to Central Waqf Council (Non-Plan)	2015-16	0.03	0.00	Providing financial assistance to Central Waqf Council.	The scheme will be formulated after completion of study of restricting of CWC for which bids have been invited from selected agencies.
20	Nai Manzil	2015-16	0.02		Launched in 2015-16	

CHAPTER V

FINANCIAL REVIEW

CHAPTER V (A)

FINANCIAL REVIEW – STATEMENT INDICATING B.E. & R.E. 2015-16 AND B.E. 2016-17

(Rs, in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Major Heads	BE (2015-16)			RE (2015-16)			BE (2016-17)		
			Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
	REVENUE SECTION										
1	Secretariat	2251	1.49	11.50	12.99	1.45	11.88	13.33	0.00	13.59	13.59
2	National Commission for Minorities	2225	0.00	7.56	7.56	0.00	6.71	6.71	0.00	7.66	7.66
3	Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities	2225	0.00	3.09	3.09	0.00	1.93	1.93	0.00	2.82	2.82
4	Grants-in- Aid to Wakf	2235	0.00	3.15	3.15	0.00	2.65	2.65	0.00	3.15	3.15
5	Grants-in- Aid to Central Wakf Council	2235	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03
6	Grants-in-Aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation	2225	113.00	0.00	113.00	113.00	0.00	113.00	113.00	0.00	113.00
7	Free Coaching and Allied Scheme for Minorities	2225	45.00	0.00	45.00	45.00	0.00	45.00	45.00	0.00	45.00
8	Research/ Studies, Monitoring & Evaluation of development schemes for Minorities including publicity	Media 2235	39.75	0.00	39.75	39.75	0.00	39.75	41.00	0.00	41.00
		2235 (PS)	5.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	4.00	0.00	4.00
		2552	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total		45.25	0.00	45.25	45.25	0.00	45.25	45.00	0.00

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Major Heads	BE (2015-16)			RE (2015-16)			BE (2016-17)		
			Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
9	Grants-in-Aid to State Channelising Agencies (SCA) engaged for implementation of NMDFC programmes	2225	1.80	0.00	1.80	1.80	0.00	1.80	1.80	0.00	1.80
		2552	0.20	0.00	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.20	0.20	0.00	0.20
		Total	2.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	0.00	2.00
10	Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students	2225	44.85	0.00	44.85	50.30	0.00	50.30	75.00	0.00	75.00
		2552	4.98	0.00	4.98	5.29	0.00	5.29	5.00	0.00	5.00
		Total	49.83	0.00	49.83	55.59	0.00	55.59	80.00	0.00	80.00
11	Computerisation of records of State Waqf Boards	2235	2.70	0.00	2.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	3.00
		2552	0.30	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.00	0.30
		Total	3.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.30	0.00	3.30
12	Scheme for Leadership development of Minority Women	2235	14.13	0.00	14.13	14.13	0.00	14.13	13.50	0.00	13.50
		2552	0.87	0.00	0.87	0.87	0.00	0.87	1.50	0.00	1.50
		Total	15.00	0.00	15.00	15.00	0.00	15.00	15.00	0.00	15.00
13	Interest subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas studies	2235	4.19	0.00	4.19	4.19	0.00	4.19	4.00	0.00	4.00
14	Scheme for containing population decline of small minorities	2235	2.00	0.00	2.00	1.25	0.00	1.25	2.00	0.00	2.00
15	Strengthening of the State Waqf Boards	2225	6.08	0.00	6.08	4.08	0.00	4.08	9.20	0.00	9.20
		2552	0.62	0.00	0.62	0.62	0.00	0.62	0.50	0.00	0.50
		Total	6.70	0.00	6.70	4.70	0.00	4.70	9.70	0.00	9.70

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Major Heads	BE (2015-16)			RE (2015-16)			BE (2016-17)		
			Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
16	Skill Development Initiatives	2225	0.23	0.00	0.23	0.23	0.00	0.23	0.23	0.00	0.23
		2235	64.22	0.00	64.22	176.73	0.00	176.73	194.77	0.00	194.77
		2552	3.00	0.00	3.00	15.51	0.00	15.51	15.00	0.00	15.00
		Total	67.45	0.00	67.45	192.47	0.00	192.47	210.00	0.00	210.00
17	Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Service Commissions etc.	2225	3.60	0.00	3.60	3.60	0.00	3.60	3.60	0.00	3.60
		2552	0.40	0.00	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.40	0.40	0.00	0.40
		Total	4.00	0.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	4.00
18	Merit-cum-Means based scholarship for professional and technical courses	2225	309.10	0.00	309.10	309.10	0.00	309.10	311.10	0.00	311.10
		3601	5.80	0.00	5.80	5.80	0.00	5.80	3.80	0.00	3.80
		3602	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10
		2552	20.00	0.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	20.00
		Total	335.00	0.00	335.00	335.00	0.00	335.00	335.00	0.00	335.00
19	Multi -sectoral Development Programme for Minorities	2225	7.64	0.00	7.64	7.64	0.00	7.64	6.50	0.00	6.50
		3601	1104.25	0.00	1104.25	991.75	0.00	991.75	991.75	0.00	991.75
		3602	12.00	0.00	12.00	12.00	0.00	12.00	11.50	0.00	11.50
		2552	127.75	0.00	127.75	115.25	0.00	115.25	115.25	0.00	115.25
		Total	1251.64	0.00	1251.64	1126.64	0.00	1126.64	1125.00	0.00	1125.00
20	Pre-Matric Scholarships for Minorities	2225	979.97	0.00	979.97	979.97	0.00	979.97	880.47	0.00	880.47
		3601	10.00	0.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	10.00	9.00	0.00	9.00
		3602	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03
		2552	50.10	0.00	50.10	50.10	0.00	50.10	41.50	0.00	41.50
		Total	1040.10	0.00	1040.10	1040.10	0.00	1040.10	931.00	0.00	931.00

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Major Heads	BE (2015-16)			RE (2015-16)			BE (2016-17)		
			Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
21	Post-Matric Scholarships for Minorities	2225	541.18	0.00	541.18	541.18	0.00	541.18	514.98	0.00	514.98
		3601	8.80	0.00	8.80	8.80	0.00	8.80	5.00	0.00	5.00
		3602	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02
		2552	30.10	0.00	30.10	30.10	0.00	30.10	30.00	0.00	30.00
			580.10	0.00	580.10	580.10	0.00	580.10	550.00	0.00	550.00
22	Maulana Azad Medial Aid Scheme	2225	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
23	Upgrading Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD)	2235	17.01	0.00	17.01	17.01	0.00	17.01	20.00	0.00	20.00
24	Hamari Dharohar	2225	10.01	0.00	10.01	10.01	0.00	10.01	11.00	0.00	11.00
25	Nai Manzil	2225	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	155.00	0.00	155.00
	TOTAL (REVENUE SECTION)		3592.78	25.33	3618.11	3592.78	23.20	3615.98	3660.00	27.25	3687.25
	CAPITAL SECTION										
26	National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation	4225	108.00	0.00	108.00	108.00	0.00	108.00	126.00	0.00	126.00
		4552	12.00	0.00	12.00	12.00	0.00	12.00	14.00	0.00	14.00
	TOTAL CAPITAL SECTION)		120.00	0.00	120.00	120.00	0.00	120.00	140.00	0.00	140.00
	(GRAND TOTAL) (REVENUE+CAPITAL SECTION)		3712.78	25.33	3738.11	3712.78	23.20	3735.98	3800.00	27.25	3827.25

FINANCIAL REVIEW

CHAPTER V (B)

FINANCIAL REVIEW – STATEMENT INDICATING OUTLAY AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS ALONGWITH OUTLAY FROM 2013-14 to 2015-16

(₹.in crore)

S. No	Name of the Scheme/Programme (Voted, Revenue/Capital)	Outlay for 2013-14	Actual Expenditure 2013-14	Outlay for 2014-15	Actual Expenditure 2014-15	Outlay for 2015-16	Actual Expenditure 2015-16 (upto 31.12.2015)
	Non-Plan						
1	Secretariat-Social Service	9.60	10.33	10.84	10.31	11.50	8.99
2	Other Social Services						
i)	National Commission for Minorities(NCM)	5.63	4.92	7.30	6.70	7.56	4.60
ii)	Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities (CLM)	1.54	1.33	1.69	1.74	3.09	1.48
3	i) Grants-in- Aid to Waqf	3.18	2.68	3.15	2.75	3.15	2.52
	ii) Grants-in- Aid to Central Waqf Council	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	-
	Total	19.70	16.31	23.01	21.50	25.33	17.59

(₹ in crore)

S. No	Name of the Scheme/Programme	Outlay for 2013-14	Actual Expenditure 2013-14	Outlay for 2014-15	Actual Expenditure 2014-15	Outlay for 2015-16	Actual Expenditure 2015-16 (upto 31.12.2015)
	Plan						
A	Central Sector Scheme(CS)						
1	Grants in Aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation	160.00	160.00	113.00	113.00	113.00	113.00
2	Free Coaching & Allied Schemes for Minorities	25.00	23.68	25.00	31.49	45.00	35.81
3	Contribution to the Equity of NMDFC	120.00	0.00	120.00	30.00	120.00	120.00
4	Research /studies, monitoring & evaluation of development Schemes for Minorities including publicity	45.00	42.42	5.00	32.24	45.25	33.91
5	Grant-in-aid to State Channelising Agencies (SCA) engaged in implementation of NMDFC programmes	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.75
6	Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women	15.00	11.95	14.00	13.99	15.00	10.67
7	Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority Students	90.00	50.02	50.00	0.12	49.83	49.76
8	Computerization of records of State Waqf Boards	3.00	2.98	3.00	3.00	3.00	-
9	Interest subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas studies	2.00	0.00	4.00	3.50	4.19	4.00
10	Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community	2.00	0.41	2.00	0.50	2.00	1.18
11	Skill Development Initiative	17.00	16.99	35.00	46.21	192.45	143.43

(₹ in crore)

S. No	Name of the Scheme/Programme	Outlay for 2013-14	Actual Expenditure 2013-14	Outlay for 2014-15	Actual Expenditure 2014-15	Outlay for 2015-16	Actual Expenditure 2015-16 (upto 31.12.2015)
12	Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Services Commissions etc.	3.00	1.95	4.00	2.96	4.00	3.56
13	Strengthening of States Waqf Boards.	7.00	1.91	7.00	3.95	6.70	4.66
14	Maulana Azad Medical Aid Scheme	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	0.01	-
15	Upgrading Skill and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.44	17.01	14.36
16	Merit-cum-Means based scholarship for professional and technical courses	270.00	259.90	335.00	381.38	335.00	35.85
17	Pre-Matric Scholarships for Minorities	950.00	963.00	1100.00	1128.84	1040.10	0.77
18	Post-Matric Scholarships for Minorities	548.50	515.67	598.50	501.32	580.10	0.53
19	Hamari Dharohar	--	--	-	4.97	10.01	8.01
	Sub-total(CS)=	2259.50	2052.88	2459.50	2299.91	2584.65	581.25
B	Centrally Sponsored Scheme(CSS)						
1	Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) for minorities	1250.00	953.48	1250.00	768.20	1126.64	838.96
	Sub- total(CSS)	1250.00	953.48	1250.00	768.20	1126.64	838.96
C	Secretariat, M/o. Minority Affairs Service	1.50	1.13	1.50	0.88	1.49	0.38
	Grand Total(A-C) =	3511	3007.49	3711	3069.01	3712.78	1420.49

CHAPTER- V (C)

The trend analysis of the expenditure vis-a-vis Budget Estimate/Revised Estimates for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16

2014-15

(₹.in crore)

	BE 2014-15	RE 2014-15	Actual Expenditure 2014-15	% Exp. of BE	% Exp. of RE
Plan	3711.00	3140.00	3069.01	82.70	97.74
<i>of which</i>					
Revenue	3591.00	3110.00	3039.01	84.63	97.72
Capital	120.00	30.00	30.00	25.00	100
Non Plan	23.01	25.00	21.50	93.44	86.00
<i>of which</i>					
Revenue	23.01	25.00	21.50	93.44	86.00
Capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total (Plan & Non Plan)	3734.01	3165.00	3090.51	82.77	97.65
<i>of which</i>					
Revenue	3614.01	3135.00	3060.51	84.68	97.62
Capital	120.00	30.00	30.00	25.00	100.00

2015-16

(₹.in crore)

	BE 2015-16	RE 2015-16	Actual Expendi- ture 2015-16 (upto 31.12.2015)	% Exp. of BE	% Exp. of RE
Plan	3712.78	3712.78	1420.49	38.26	38.26
<i>of which</i>					
Revenue	3592.78	3592.78	1300.49	36.20	36.20
Capital	120.00	120.00	120.00	100.00	100.00
Non Plan	25.33	23.20	17.59	69.44	75.82
<i>of which</i>					
Revenue	25.33	23.20	17.59	69.44	75.82
Capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total (Plan & Non Plan)	3738.11	3735.98	1438.08	38.47	38.49
<i>of which</i>					
Revenue	3618.11	3615.98	1318.08	36.43	36.43
Capital	120.00	120.00	120.00	100.00	100.00

CHAPTER- V (D)

**POSITION OF OUTSTANDING UCs AND UNSPENT BALANCES
WITH STATES AND IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES AS ON 01.04.2015
and 31.12.2015**

(Rs. in crore)

No. of Utilization Certificates pending as on 01.04.2015	Amount of pending Utilization Certificates as on 01.04.2015	Amount of unspent balance as on 01.04.2015	No. of Utilization Certificates pending as on 31.12.2015	Amount of Utilization Certificates pending as on 31.12.2015	Amount of unspent balance as on 31.12.2015
1723	2978.22	3513.41	1395	1682.53	2442.66

Chapter –VI

REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE OF STATUTORY AND AUTONOMOUS BODIES UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF THE MINISTRY

(1) **National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC):** NMDFC is a company registered under section 25 of the Companies Act, with the objective of promoting economic activities amongst the backward section of notified minorities. It provides concessional finance for self-employment activities to eligible beneficiaries belonging to minority communities having a family income below double the poverty line. It enters into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Govt. of India and targets, both financial and physical, are fixed. The progress in achievement is monitored through quarterly reviews.

(2) **Maulana Azad Education Foundation:** Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) is a voluntary, non-profit making society, registered under the Societies' Registration Act, 1860. It promotes education among the educationally backward minorities. The two main schemes of the Foundation are: grants-in-aid to NGOs for expansion/upgradation of school buildings, construction of hostels, purchase of lab equipment etc. and for development of educational infrastructure and the scheme of scholarships for meritorious girl students belonging to the minority communities.

(3) **Central Waqf Council:** The Central Waqf Council (CWC) was set up as a Statutory Body in 1964 by the Government of India under the provisions of Section 8A of Waqf Act, 1954 (now read as sub-section 1 of the Section 9 of the Waqf Act, 1995) with the main objective to advise to the Government of India on matters pertaining to the working of the State Waqf Boards and proper administration of the auqaf in the Country. The Council has a Chairperson, who is the Union Minister in-charge of auqaf. There are 20 other members of the Council from different categories as mentioned in the Waqf Act. The present council was constituted on 12.05.2011 for a period of five years. After enactment of Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2013, Council has acquired the Regulatory role from its previous advisory role.

With a view to improve the financial position of auqaf and the auqaf Boards and to enable them to enlarge the area of their welfare activity, the Central Government has been giving grant-in-aid to the Central Waqf Council since 1974-75 for the specific purpose of advancing financial assistance to Waqf Boards/Waqf Institutions in the country for the development of their Urban Waqf properties.

Council is also implementing 'Computerization of records of State and UT Waqf Boards' scheme of this Ministry.

(4) **The Durgah Khawaja Saheb, Ajmer:** The Durgah of Khawaja Moin-ud-din Chishti at Ajmer in Rajasthan is a waqf of international fame. The Durgah Khawaja Saheb Act, 1955, provides for the administration, control and management of the Durgah Endowment of the Durgah Khwaja Moinuddin Chishty (R.A.). Under this Central Act, the administration, control and management of Durgah Endowment has been vested in a representative Committee known as the Durgah Committee. Nazim is CEO of the Management Committee, who is appointed by the Central Government.

(5) **National Waqf Development Corporation (NAWADCO):** India has the largest Waqf land in the world. As per estimation by Sachar Committee Report, 2006 there are about 4.9 lakh registered Waqf properties comprising of about 6 lakh acres of land, approximate market value of these properties is Rs. 1.20 lakh crore. Since most of these properties are situated at prime urban locations, they have the potential of generating an annual income of Rs.12,000 crore if properly developed.

To fill the gap of development deficit, National Waqf Development Corporation Limited (NAWADCO), was established under the Ministry of Minority Affairs on 31st December, 2013 under the Companies Act 1956, with specific mandate to develop the invaluable Waqf properties in India and to enhance the income of Waqf Boards / Waqf institutions. NAWADCO has an authorised share capital of Rs. 500 Crore and paid up capital of Rs. 100 Crore as per following shareholding pattern.

National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC)	49%
Central Waqf Council (CWC)	9%
Waqf Institutions and/or the Public including body corporates	42%

NAWADCO has identified 67 commercially potential properties for development in Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Delhi. Out of them feasibility reports of four (4) properties have been prepared.

NAWADCO has entered into a MoU with NBCC, a Navratna Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Urban Development for preparation of feasibility reports, DPRs and development of Waqf properties.

A scheme for 'Strengthening of State Waqf Boards' of Ministry of Minority Affairs is being implemented by the Company.

(6) **Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities:** The Office of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities (CLM) was established in July, 1957, in pursuance of the provision of Article 350-B of the Constitution, which came into existence as a result of the Constitution (7 Amendment) Act, 1956 consequent upon the recommendations of the States Reorganization Commission. Article 350-B envisages investigation by CLM of all matters relating to the safeguards provided for the linguistic minorities in India under the Constitution and reporting to the President upon these matters at such intervals as the President may direct, and the President cause all such reports to be laid before each House of Parliament and sent to the Government/Administrations of States/UTs concerned. The CLM interacts with States/UTs on all the matters pertaining to the issue concerning implementation of the Constitutional and nationally agreed Safeguards provided to linguistic minorities. 49th Report of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities for the period July, 2011 to June, 2012 was laid on the table of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 22-08-2013 and 19-08-2013 respectively.

(7) **National Commission for Minorities (NCM):** The first statutory commission was constituted on 17th May, 1993. The Government of India vide Notifications dated 23rd October, 1993 and 27th January, 2014 notified six religious communities viz. Muslims,

Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Zoroastrians (Parsis) and Jains as minority communities under Section 2 (c) of the NCM Act, 1992.

In terms of Section 3(2) of NCM Act, 1992, the Commission shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and five members to be nominated by the Central Government from amongst persons of eminence, ability and integrity provided that five members including the Chairperson shall be from amongst the minority communities. In accordance with Section 4 (1) of the NCM Act, 1992, each member including the Chairperson shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of assumption of office.

The main functions of the Commission are to evaluate the progress of the development of minorities, monitor the working of the safeguards provided in the Constitution and in laws enacted by the Central Government/State Governments, for the protection of the interests of minorities and look into specific complaint regarding deprivation of the rights of minorities. It also causes studies, research and analysis to be undertaken on the issues relating to socio-economic and educational development of minorities and make recommendations for the effective implementation of the safeguards for the protection of the interests of minorities.

State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, National Capital Region of Delhi, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Rajasthan, Utter Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have set up statutory State Minorities Commissions. The State Governments of Punjab and Kerala have set up non-statutory Commissions. The Ministry has also requested the remaining State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations to set up such Commissions.
