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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Outcome Budget is a key policy tool to establish effective linkages between allocation and disbursement of public funds on the basis of measurable performance yardsticks. Outcome Budget as an integral part of the budgeting process indicates physical dimensions of financial budget as also actual physical performance in 2013-14 and 2014-15 (upto 31.12.2014) and targets of physical performance for 2015-16.

2. Outcome Budget 2015-16 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 2013-14 and 2014-15 (upto 31.12.2014) 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 monitors 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 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>).

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 and Free Coaching & Allied Scheme for students belonging to minority communities provide for earmarking 30% of the physical targets for girl students.

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. Recently, a Minister of State has also joined this Ministry. 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

A. Plan programmes/schemes

(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 from 1.4.2008 and is implemented through State Governments/UT Administrations. The scheme is being implemented as Central Sector Scheme from 2014-15 onwards.

(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 Centres (affiliated to NCVT). 30% of the scholarships are earmarked for girl students. The scheme was launched in November 2007 and is implemented through State Governments /UTs Administrations. This scheme which was being implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme till 2013-14, is being implemented as Central Sector Scheme from 2014-15 onwards in Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

(iii) **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, skills and capabilities for employment in government/private sector through competitive examinations/process of selection, and for admission in reputed institutions. 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.

During 2013-14, under new component of the scheme in three States i.e. West Bengal, Maharashtra and Karnataka with 400 Students identified for focused preparation in class XI & XII with Science subjects (PCB/PCM) on Pilot basis has commenced. The average cost per student under the new component is up to Rs.1.00 lakh per annum.

(iv) 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 and is implemented through State Governments /UTs Administration. This scheme which was being implemented as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme till 2013-14, is being implemented as Central Sector Scheme from 2014-15 onwards in Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.

(v) 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 (₹1,023 crore at present). This is the main source of its income. The two main schemes of the Foundation are: grants-in-aid for expansion and upgradation of existing institutions and the scheme of grant of scholarships to meritorious girl students belonging to the minority communities studying in class XI and XII.

(vi) 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. Thus, MsDP was launched in 2008-09 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, MsDP has been restructured in 2013-14. In the restructured MsDP, the unit of planning has been changed to minority concentrated blocks/towns instead of district for sharper focus on the minority concentration areas. The programme has now identified 710 blocks and 66 towns falling in 196 districts for implementation during the 12th Plan. Further, cluster of contiguous minority concentration villages (having at least 50% minority population) would also be considered for implementation of this programme.

(vii) Equity contribution to National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation

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 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.

(viii) 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.

(ix) Scheme for 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 role 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.

(x) Computerization of records of State and UT Waqf Boards

This scheme was formulated in pursuance of the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on Waqf. 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 31st December, 2014, 3,56,237 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.

(xi) Maulana Azad National Fellowship.

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 the Ministry of Minority Affairs for minority community students 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.

(xii) 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/porgrammes and initiatives for notified Minorities, giving wider publicity to Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities and Multi-sectoral

Development Programme (MsDP) and to support organizations for workshops/seminars on the subject relevant to minorities.

(xiii) 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 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. (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. During 2014-15, an amount of Rs.390.00 lakh has been released to NAWDCO which is the nodal agency for implementation of the scheme.

(xiv) 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.

(xv) 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.

(xvi) 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. The scheme has been formulated and its implementation has commenced during 2013-14.

(xvii) Skill Development Initiatives.

The aim of the scheme will be to enhance employable and livelihood skills of minorities by providing skills and skills up-gradation to the minority communities. The Scheme plans to develop skilled manpower, with multi-entry and exits, vertical and horizontal mobility and lifelong learning opportunities. The scheme envisages different levels of programmes (foundation, skill formation and up-gradation) and optimum utilization of existing available infrastructure to make the training cost-effective. The scheme is under implementation since 2013-14.

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

To conserve traditional arts/crafts of our Country and for building capacity of traditional artisans and craftsmen belonging to minority communities, a new scheme namely “**USTTAD** (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development)” has been approved. This scheme will ensure conserving the rich heritage of the country by capacity building and updating traditional skills of master craftsmen/artisans. These trained master craftsmen/ artisans will train the minority youths in various specific traditional arts/crafts and establish linkages with National and International market by maintaining dignity of labour.

(xix) Hamari Dharohar

The new scheme namely, “**Hamari Dharohar**”, will preserve rich heritage of minority communities of India under the overall concept of Indian culture, curating iconic exhibitions, preservation and promotion of languages supporting calligraphy and related crafts, research and Development.

(xx) Lump-sum provision for benefit of North Eastern Region: The provision is for implementing the schemes for the North Eastern Region.

B. Non-Plan Schemes

(i) Grants-in-Aid to Waqfs under the scheme of Development of Urban Waqf Properties.

With a view to protect vacant Waqf land from encroachers and to develop it on commercial lines for generating more income in order to widen welfare activities, Central Waqf Council has been implementing this scheme since 1974-75 with yearly grant-in-aid from the Central Government. Under the Scheme, loan is extended to various Waqf Institutions in the country for taking up economically viable buildings on the Waqf land such as commercial complexes, marriage halls, hospitals, cold storages etc. The loan amount is repaid to the Council by the loanee institutions in easy installments and the amount thus received back forms Revolving Fund of the Council, which is again utilized for financing minor projects. Under the scheme, the Government of India has released grant-in-aid amounting to Rs.47.07 crore to CWC since 1974-75 which includes Rs.274.55 lakh released during 2014-15.

(ii) Grant in Aid to Central Waqf Council

Joint Parliamentary Committee on Waqf, in its 9th Report recommended for financial assistance to Central Waqf Council (Section 8A of Waqf Act, 1954 now read as sub-section 1 of the Section 9 of the Waqf Act, 1995) for administrative expenditure. The

basic objective of the Scheme is to strengthen the Council. The scheme is yet to be formulated. However, token provision of Rs.3.00 lakh has been made during 2014-15.

(iii) National Waqf Development Corporation (NAWADCO)

National Waqf Development Corporation (NAWADCO) was incorporated on 31st December, 2013 with share capital of Rs.500.00 crore and paid up capital of Rs.100.00 crore. 49% of Share is held by National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation, 9% by Central Waqf Council and rest by Waqf Institutions and public. Corporate Office is located in Delhi.

C. The 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 was announced in June, 2006.

The objectives of the programme are (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.

CHAPTER: II

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

There is a budget provision of ₹ 3,712.78 crore under Plan for the year 2015-16. A sum of ₹ 2,468.78 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, (xi) 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, (xii) Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community, (xiv) Strengthening of State Waqf Boards (xv) Skill Development Initiatives and (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 Dhrohar, etc. and ₹ 1,244 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 2015-16 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 2015-16 is given, in the table below:-

Outcome Budget 2015-16

								(₹ in crore)	
Sl. No.	Name of Scheme / Programme	Objectives /Outcome	Outlay2015-16 (₹ 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 2015-16.	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 2015-16.	

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.	-	45.25	-	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 2015-16.	
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.	-	120.00	-	₹120.00 crore as equity contribution	75,000 beneficiaries to be covered during 2015-16 by NMDFC.	Equity will be provided During the year 2015-16.	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 2015-16.	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	-	49.83	-	756 fresh fellowships and renewals	Academic output and research ability of students of minority communities will improve	During the year 2015-16	
7	Computerization of Records of State Waqf Boards(SWBs)	Financial assistance to State Waqf Boards for computerization of their records	-	3.00	-	Covering all the 30 State/UT Waqf Boards	Improved functioning of State/UT Waqf Boards and better management of Waqf properties leading to enhanced incomes of SWBs to be used for the benefit of the minority community	During the year 2015-16.	
8.	Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women	To impart leadership development training to women to empower and embolden them to assume leadership role in accessing services and opportunities provided by the Government.	-	15.00	-	Imparting leadership training to 40,000 women	Women from the minority communities would be empowered and emboldened to take up leadership roles in their local community.	During the year 2015-16.	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	-	4.19	-	100 students covered	Lesser financial burden on families of minority students who are pursuing higher education overseas.	During the year 2015-16.	
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 2015-16.	
11	Strengthening of States Waqf Boards	Financial assistance to State Waqf Boards for strengthening these in order to improve their performance.	-	6.70	-	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 2015-16.	
12	Skill Development Initiative	To provide skills and skill up-gradation to enhance employment and livelihoods.	-	67.45	-	25,000 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 2015-16.	

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 2015-16.	
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	-	1.00 lakh scholarships	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 2015-16.	Successful implementation of the scheme is dependent upon the performance of State Governments and UT Administrations
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.	-	1140.10	-	75 lakh scholarships	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 2015-16.	Successful implementation of the scheme is dependent upon the performance of State Governments and UT Administrations.

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.	-	581.59 (including ₹1.49 crore for OE (information technology) under Sectt. Head)	-	9 lakh scholarships	Awarding scholarships would encourage students to pursue higher education and complete their studies. It will improve and enhance their job prospects.	During the year 2015-16.	Successful implementation of the scheme is dependent upon the performance of State Governments and UT Administrations.
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.	0.00	17.01	-	New Scheme. Yet to be quantified	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 2015-16.	
18	Hamari Dharohar	To curate rich heritage of minorities under overall concept of Indian culture, curating iconic exhibitions,	0.00	10.01	-	New Scheme. Yet to be quantified	Ensure curating exhibitions including iconic exhibitions, documentation of oral traditions/art form, support to calligraphy and related crafts,	During the year 2015-16.	

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	2
			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.		
Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)									
19	Multi Sectoral Development Programme (MsDP).	To bridge the development deficits in socio-economic conditions and availability of basic amenities in the identified districts.	-	1251.54 (including ₹ 4.24crore for Andaman & Nicobar and ₹.3.40 crore for administrative expenses & IEC allocated as a part of Centre Sector Schemes)	-	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 2015-16.	Achievement of deliverables is dependent upon State Governments /UT Administrations in sending plan proposals and implementing the approved programme on time.

Non-Plan Schemes									
1	2	3	4			5	6	7	8
			4 (i)	4 (ii)	4 (iii)				
20	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	Higher generation of surplus funds from waqf properties for implementing welfare activities for the poor Muslims.	During the year 2015-16.	
21	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.	During the year 2015-16.	

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 2001 Census, these minority communities constitute 18.82 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 was announced in June, 2006. The objectives of the programme are (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, 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 for higher studies abroad.

(iii) Employment opportunities

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

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

(d) A new scheme “USTTAD (Upgrading the Skills and Training in Traditional Arts/ Crafts for Development)” has been approved during 2015-16 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.

(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 in 2008-09 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, MsDP has been restructured in 2013-14. In the restructured MsDP, the unit of planning has been changed to minority concentrated blocks/towns instead of district for sharper focus on the minority concentration areas. The programme has now identified 710 blocks and 66 towns falling in 196 districts for implementation during the 12th Plan. Further, cluster 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 has started implementation of the scheme for “Leadership Development of Minority Women” from 2012-13. The objective of the programme 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 of development benefits for improving their lives and living conditions. Empowerment of women per se is not only essential for equity, but it constitutes a critical element in the fight for poverty reduction, economic growth and civil society strengthening.

(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 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. (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.

- e. NMDFC has established Maulana Azad National Academy for Skills (MANAS) in November 2014, for development of entrepreneurship and occupational skills among minorities, with credit linkages.
- f. A Regional office of NMDFC has also been opened at Chennai to expand the outreach.

(II) 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) The Online Scholarship Management System (OSMS), implemented during 2011-12 for Merit-cum-means based Scholarship has proved successful. Accordingly, the Online Scholarship Management System has been extended to Post-matric Scholarship scheme from the year 2012-13. The funds under these schemes is being released under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Mode during 2014-15.

CHAPTER-IV

Review of the Past Performance

Details for 2013-14

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No	Scheme/ Programme	Year	Financial Targets	Financial Achievement	Physical Targets	Physical Achievement
1.	Grants-in-aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation	2013-14	160.00	160.00	Disbursing of grants to 150 NGOs and 35,000 scholarships to girl students	Sanctioned Grants – in-aid of Rs.15.04 crore to 120 NGOs and awarded 35,159 scholarships to girl students.
2.	National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (equity contribution)	2013-14	120.00	0.00	Disbursing Micro-credit and term loan of ₹350 crore through NGOs/ SCAs to 96,200 beneficiaries.	Micro-credit loan/financial assistance of ₹325.46 crore was disbursed through NGOs/SCAs to 75,966 beneficiaries.
3.	Grants-in-aid to State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) engaged for implementation of NMDFC programmes	2013-14	2.00	2.00	Releasing grants in aid to 25 SCAs.	Released to 21 SCAs on the basis of performance.
4.	Free Coaching & Allied Schemes for Minorities	2013-14	25.00	23.68	Imparting financial assistance for coaching of 6000 students	Funds released for coaching of 9997 students.
5.	Research/studies, monitoring & evaluation of development schemes for Minorities including publicity	2013-14	45.00	42.42	Launching of media campaign on schemes/ programmes of the Ministry and undertaking Research/studies.	Four National Level workshops organized on the themes namely, Minorities Women Empowerment; Multi-culturalism and law; Understanding Minority rights, Constitution and Law; and Secularism, Minority rights and Constitution at Amethi, Aligarh, Dehradun and Hyderabad respectively.

₹ in crore)						
Sl. No	Scheme/ Programme	Year	Financial Targets	Financial Achievement	Physical Targets	Physical Achievement
						Multi-media campaign launched. Print Advertisements released in 1154 newspapers. Audio Visual Spots aired through All India Radio Network and Private FM Channels across India. TV Commercials were telecast on Doordarshan Network and through digital cinema in 4475 theatres across India including 61 theatres in North East. National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) completed six documentary films relevant to minorities. Documentary Films on Mother Teresa and Sufi Culture aired on Doordarshan Network. New pamphlets published in English, Hindi and Urdu etc.
6.	Merit-cum-Means based scholarship for professional and technical courses	2013-14	270.00	260.00	Awarding 60,000 scholarships (excluding renewals)	Awarded 1,00,428 (fresh: 69,377 and renewal: 31,051) scholarships (39,329 for girl students).
7.	Pre-matric scholarships for students belonging to minorities	2013-14	950.00	963.79	Awarding 40 lakh fresh scholarships (excluding renewals).	Awarded 77.94 lakh scholarships (38.51 lakh for girl students).
8.	Post-matric scholarships for students belonging to minorities	2013-14	548.50	515.76	Awarding 5 lakh fresh scholarships (excluding renewals).	Awarded 8.90 lakh scholarships (4.89 lakh for girl students).

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No	Scheme/ Programme	Year	Financial Targets	Financial Achievement	Physical Targets	Physical Achievement
9.	Multi-sectoral Development Programme in selected minority concentration districts. (MCDs)	2013-14	1250.00	953.07	Approving district plans of remaining minority concentration and releasing funds for completion of projects already approved.	Approved projects for an amount of Rs.1,484.02 crore up to 31.03.2014. 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	2013-14	90.00	50.02	Awarding 756 fresh fellowships plus renewals.	Funds released to UGC for awarding 756 fresh fellowships plus renewals.
11	Computerization of Records of State Waqf Boards (SWBs)	2013-14	3.00	2.98	30 State Waqf Board to be covered (including Jammu & Kashmir and Central Waqf Council).	An amount of ₹ 2.98 crore has been released.
12	Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women	2013-14	15.00	11.95	Imparting training to 40,000 women.	Funds released for 24 States to impart training to 60,875 Women.
13	Scheme of interest subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies for students belonging to minority communities.	2013-14	2.00	0.00	Yet to be quantified	Since the process of appraisal and approval of the scheme was underway, it would be implemented from 2014-15 onwards.
14	Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community.	2013-14	2.00	0.41	Not quantifiable	Only advocacy taken up.
15	Strengthening of the State Waqf Boards	2013-14	5.00	0.00	15 State Waqf Boards to be covered	

₹ in crore)						
Sl. No	Scheme/ Programme	Year	Financial Targets	Financial Achievement	Physical Targets	Physical Achievement
16	Skill Development Initiative	2013-14	17.00	16.99	20,000 minority youths.	20,164 minority youths.
17	Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Services Commissions etc.	2013-14	3.00	1.95	800 candidates.	483 candidates were given financial support amounting to Rs. 1.95 crore
18	Secretariat	2013-14	1.50	1.13	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)	2013-14	3.18	2.68	To develop urban Waqf properties on commercial level for generating more income in order to increase welfare activities.	Loans for 7 projects sanctioned. Two proposals under process.
20	Grants –in-aid to Central Waqf Council (Non-Plan)	2013-14	0.03	0.00	Providing financial assistance to Central Waqf Council.	The scheme was approved in July, 2009 but it could not be implemented as staff component is yet to be approved by the competent authority.

Details for 2014-15

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No	Scheme/ Programme	Year	Financial Targets	Financial Achievement (up to 31.12.14)	Physical Targets	Physical Achievement (upto 31.12.14)
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 in its meeting held on 19.02.15. Scholarships are under process for disbursal.
2.	National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (equity contribution)	2014-15	120	0.00	Disbursing Micro-credit and term loan of ₹400 crore through NGOs/SCAs to 97,000 beneficiaries.	Micro-credit and term loan of ₹246.70 crore was disbursed through NGOs/SCAs to 46,763 beneficiaries.
3.	Grants-in-aid to State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) engaged for implementation of NMDFC programmes	2014-15	2.00	1.38	Releasing grants in aid to 25 SCAs.	Released to 17 SCAs on the basis of performance.
4.	Free Coaching & Allied Schemes for Minorities	2014-15	25.00	23.48	Imparting financial assistance for coaching of 6,000 students	Funds released for coaching of 6,314 students.
5.	Research/studies, monitoring & evaluation of development schemes for Minorities including publicity	2014-15	45.00	21.63	Launching of media campaign on schemes/ programmes of the Ministry and undertaking Research/studies.	Multi-media campaign launched. Three Print Advertisements released in 804 newspapers. Audio Visual Spots aired through All India Radio Network. TV Commercials were telecast on Doordarshan Network.

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No	Scheme/ Programme	Year	Financial Targets	Financial Achievement (up to 31.12.14)	Physical Targets	Physical Achievement (upto 31.12.14)
6.	Merit-cum-Means based scholarship for professional and technical courses	2014-15	335	222.84	Awarding 60,000 scholarships (excluding renewals)	Awarded 80,132 (fresh: 46,552 and renewal: 33,580) scholarships.
7.	Pre-matric scholarships for students belonging to minorities	2014-15	1100	1040.23	Awarding 30 lakh fresh scholarships (excluding renewals).	Awarded 64.73 lakh scholarships (33.03 lakh for girl students).
8.	Post-matric scholarships for students belonging to minorities	2014-15	598.50	56.54	Awarding 5 lakh fresh scholarships (excluding renewals).	Awarded 95,506 scholarships.
9.	Multi-sectoral Development Programme in selected minority concentration districts. (MCDs)	2014-15	1250	757.35	Approving district plans of remaining minority concentration and releasing funds for completion of projects already approved.	Approved projects for an amount of Rs. 669.17 crore upto 31.12.2014. 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	0.09	Awarding 756 fresh fellowships plus renewals.	The selection of 756 fresh fellowships is under process.
11	Computerization of Records of State Waqf Boards (SWBs)	2014-15	3.00	3.00	30 State Waqf Boards to be covered, including Jammu & Kashmir and Central Waqf Council.	An amount of ₹ 3.00 crore has been released.

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No	Scheme/ Programme	Year	Financial Targets	Financial Achievement (up to 31.12.14)	Physical Targets	Physical Achievement (upto 31.12.14)
12	Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women	2014-15	14.00	11.80	Imparting training to 40,000 women.	Funds released for 26 States to impart training to 1,89,025 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	0.32	Not quantifiable	Advocacy and medical assistance were taken up.
15	Strengthening of the State Waqf Boards	2014-15	7.00	3.54	30 State Waqf Boards are to be covered	
16	Skill Development Initiative	2014-15	35.00	34.68	20,000 minority youths.	16,270 minority youths.
17	Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Services Commissions etc.	2014-15	4.00	1.80	800 students	547 candidates were given financial support amounting to Rs. 1.80 crore
18	Secretariat	2014-15	1.50	0.40	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.	Loans for 7 projects sanctioned.
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 reorganization study.

CHAPTER V
FINANCIAL REVIEW

CHAPTER V (A)

FINANCIAL REVIEW – STATEMENT INDICATING B.E. & R.E. FOR 2014-15 AND B.E. 2015-16

₹ in crore)											
Sl. No	Name of the Scheme	Major Heads	BE 2014-15			RE 2014-15			BE 2015-16		
			Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
REVENUE SECTION											
1	Secretariat	2251	1.50	10.84	12.34	0.90	10.34	11.24	1.49	11.50	12.99
2	National Commission for Minorities	2225	0.00	7.30	7.30	0.00	9.69	9.69	0.00	7.56	7.56
3	Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities	2225	0.00	1.69	1.69	0.00	1.79	1.79	0.00	3.09	3.09
4	Grants-in- Aid to Waqf	2235	0.00	3.15	3.15	0.00	3.15	3.15	0.00	3.15	3.15
5	Grants-in- Aid to Central Waqf Council	2235	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.03
6	Grant-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	22.50	0.00	22.50	29.17	0.00	29.17	45.00	0.00	45.00
		2552	2.50	0.00	2.50	2.50	0.00	2.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total	25.00	0.00	25.00	31.67	0.00	31.67	45.00	0.00	45.00

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No	Name of the Scheme	Major Heads	BE 2014-15			RE 2014-15			BE 2015-16			
			Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total	
8	Research/ studies, monitoring & evaluation of development Schemes for Minorities including publicity (Media Campaign for minorities)	2235 (Publicity)	39.50	0.00	39.50	30.00	0.00	30.00	39.75	0.00	39.75	
		Professional Services	2235	5.20	0.00	5.20	2.475	0.00	2.475	5.00	0.00	5.00
			2552	0.30	0.00	0.30	0.275	0.00	0.275	0.50	0.00	0.50
		Total	45.00	0.00	45.00	32.75	0.00	32.75	45.25	0.00	45.25	
9	Grants-in-Aid to State Channelising Agencies (SCA) engaged in 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	45.00	0.00	45.00	0.90	0.00	0.90	44.85	0.00	44.85	
		2552	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.10	0.00	0.10	4.98	0.00	4.98	
		Total	50.00	0.00	50.00	1.00	0.00	1.00	49.83	0.00	49.83	

(₹. in crore)

Sl.	Name of the Scheme	Major Heads	BE 2014-15			RE 2014-15			BE 2015-16		
			Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
11	Computerization of records of State Waqf Boards	2235	2.70	0.00	2.70	2.70	0.00	2.70	2.70	0.00	2.70
		2552	0.30	0.00	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.30
		Total	3.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	3.00	0.00	3.00
12	Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women	2235	12.50	0.00	12.50	12.50	0.00	12.50	14.13	0.00	14.13
		2552	1.50	0.00	1.50	1.50	0.00	1.50	0.87	0.00	0.87
		Total	14.00	0.00	14.00	14.00	0.00	14.00	15.00	0.00	15.00
13	Interest subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas studies	2235	3.60	0.00	3.60	3.50	0.00	3.50	4.19	0.00	4.19
		2552	0.40	0.00	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total	4.00	0.00	4.00	3.50	0.00	3.50	4.19	0.00	4.19
14	Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community	2235	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.50	0.00	0.50	2.00	0.00	2.00
15	Strengthening of States Waqf Boards	2225	6.30	0.00	6.30	3.60	0.00	3.60	6.08	0.00	6.08
		2552	0.70	0.00	0.70	0.40	0.00	0.40	0.62	0.00	0.62
		Total	7.00	0.00	7.00	4.00	0.00	4.00	6.70	0.00	6.70
16	Skill Development Initiative	2225	0.21	0.00	0.21	0.21	0.00	0.21	0.23	0.00	0.23
		2235	30.79	0.00	30.79	41.397	0.00	41.397	64.22	0.00	64.22
		2552	4.00	0.00	4.00	4.623	0.00	4.623	3.00	0.00	3.00
		Total	35.00	0.00	35.00	46.23	0.00	46.23	67.45	0.00	67.45

(₹. in crore)

Sl.	Name of the Scheme	Major Heads	BE 2014-15			RE 2014-15			BE 2015-16		
			Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
17	Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Services Commissions etc.	2225	3.60	0.00	3.60	2.10	0.00	2.10	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	2.50	0.00	2.50	4.00	0.00	4.00
18	Merit-cum-Means scholarship for professional and technical courses	2225	295.65	0.00	295.65	310.65	0.00	310.65	309.10	0.00	309.10
		3601	6.25	0.00	6.25	6.25	0.00	6.25	5.80	0.00	5.80
		3602	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10
		2552	33.00	0.00	33.00	33.00	0.00	33.00	20.00	0.00	20.00
		Total	335.00	0.00	335.00	350.00	0.00	350.00	335.00	0.00	335.00
19	Multi-sectoral Development Programme	2225	8.00	0.00	8.00	3.2651	0.00	3.2651	7.64	0.00	7.64
		3601	1094.00	0.00	1094.00	704.405	0.00	704.405	1104.25	0.00	1104.25
		3602	10.00	0.00	10.00	1.22	0.00	1.22	12.00	0.00	12.00
		2552	138.00	0.00	138.00	62.05	0.00	62.05	127.75	0.00	127.75
		Total	1250.00	0.00	1250.00	770.94	0.00	770.94	1251.64	0.00	1251.64
20	Pre-Matric Scholarships for Minorities	2225	2.75	0.00	2.75	1.75	0.00	1.75	979.97	0.00	979.97
		3601	982.25	0.00	982.25	1012.25	0.00	1012.25	10.00	0.00	10.00
		3602	5.00	0.00	5.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	0.03	0.00	0.03
		2552	110.00	0.00	110.00	113.00	0.00	113.00	50.10	0.00	50.10
		Total	1100.00	0.00	1100.00	1130.00	0.00	1130.00	1040.10	0.00	1040.10
21	Post-Matric Scholarships for Minorities	2225	527.40	0.00	527.40	527.40	0.00	527.40	541.18	0.00	541.18
		3601	11.00	0.00	11.00	11.00	0.00	11.00	8.80	0.00	8.80
		3602	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.10	0.02	0.00	0.02
		2552	60.00	0.00	60.00	60.00	0.00	60.00	30.10	0.00	30.10
		Total	598.50	0.00	598.50	598.50	0.00	598.50	580.10	0.00	580.10

(₹. in crore)

Sl.	Name of the Scheme	Major Heads	BE 2014-15			RE 2014-15			BE 2015-16		
			Plan	Non-Plan	Total	Plan	Non-plan	Total	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
22.	Maulana Azad Medical Aid	2225	1.80	0.00	1.80	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
		2552	0.20	0.00	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
23	Upgrading Skill and Training in Traditional Arts/Crafts for Development (USTTAD)	2235	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.00	0.45	17.01	0.00	17.01
		2552	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.50	17.01	0.00	17.01
24	Hamari Dharohar	2225	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.50	0.00	4.50	10.01	0.00	10.01
		2552	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.00
		Total	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	10.01	0.00	10.01
TOTAL (REVENUE SECTION)			3591.00	23.01	3614.01	3110.00	25.00	3135.00	3592.78	25.33	3618.11
CAPITAL SECTION											
23	National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation	4225	108.00	0.00	108.00	27.00	0.00	27.00	108.00	0.00	108.00
		4552	12.00	0.00	12.00	3.00	0.00	3.00	12.00	0.00	12.00
		Total	120.00	0.00	120.00	30.00	0.00	30.00	120.00	0.00	120.00
TOTAL(CAPITAL SECTION)			120.00	0.00	120.00	30.00	0.00	30.00	120.00	0.00	120.00
GRAND TOTAL= (REVENUE+CAPITAL) SECTION			3711.00	23.01	3734.01	3140.00	25.00	3165.00	3712.78	25.33	3738.11

FINANCIAL REVIEW

CHAPTER V (B)

FINANCIAL REVIEW – STATEMENT INDICATING OUTLAY AND ACTUAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS ALONGWITH OUTLAY FROM 2012-13 to 2014-15

(₹.in crore)

S. No	Name of the Scheme/Programme (Voted, Revenue/Capital)	Outlay for 2012-13	Actual Expenditure 2012-13	Outlay for 2013-14	Actual Expenditure 2013-14	Outlay for 2014-15	Actual Expenditure 2014-15 (upto 31.12.2014)
	Non-Plan						
1	Secretariat-Social Service	8.12	7.75	9.60	10.33	10.84	7.97
2	Other Social Services						
i)	National Commission for Minorities(NCM)	6.36	4.36	5.63	4.92	7.30	4.63
ii)	Special Officer for Linguistic Minorities (CLM)	1.99	1.32	1.54	1.33	1.69	1.41
3	i) Grants-in- Aid to Waqf	3.20	2.88	3.18	2.68	3.15	2.75
	ii) Grants-in- Aid to Central Waqf Council	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00
	iii) Grants-in- Aid to State Waqf Boards	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	16.00	14.37	19.70	16.31	23.01	16.76

(₹ in crore)

S. No	Name of the Scheme/Programme	Outlay for 2012-13	Actual Expenditure 2012-13	Outlay for 2013-14	Actual Expenditure 2013-14	Outlay for 2014-15	Actual Expenditure 2014-15 (up to 31.12.2014)
	Plan						
A	Central Sector Scheme(CS)						
1	Grants in Aid to Maulana Azad Education Foundation	100.00	0.00	160.00	160.00	113.00	113.00
2	Free Coaching & Allied Schemes for Minorities	20.00	14.00	25.00	23.68	25.00	23.42
3	Contribution to the Equity of NMDFC	100.00	99.64	120.00	0.00	120.00	0.00
4	Research /studies, monitoring & evaluation of development Schemes for Minorities including publicity	40.00	31.05	45.00	42.42	5.00	21.63
5	Grant-in-aid to State Channelising Agencies (SCA) engaged in implementation of NMDFC programmes	2.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.38
6	Scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women	15.00	10.45	15.00	11.95	14.00	11.58
7	Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority Students	70.00	66.00	90.00	50.02	50.00	0.09
8	Computerisation of records of State Waqf Boards	5.00	0.89	3.00	2.98	3.00	3.00

(₹ in crore)

S. No.	Name of the Scheme/Programme	Outlay for 2012-13	Actual Expenditure 2012-13	Outlay for 2013-14	Actual Expenditure 2013-14	Outlay for 2014-15	Actual Expenditure 2014-15 (up to 31.12.2014)
9	Interest subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas studies	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.00	4.00	3.50
10	Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community	2.00	0.00	2.00	0.41	2.00	0.32
11	Skill Development Initiative	20.00	0.00	17.00	16.99	35.00	34.68
12	Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Services Commissions etc.	4.00	0.00	3.00	1.95	4.00	1.80
13	Strengthening of States Waqf Boards.	5.00	0.00	7.00	1.91	7.00	3.54
14	Maulana Azad Medical Aid Scheme	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	0.00
	Sub-total(CS)=	385.00	222.03	491.00	314.31	426.00	217.94
B	Centrally Sponsored Scheme(CSS)						
1	Merit-cum-Means based scholarship for professional and technical courses	220.00	181.18	270.00	259.90	335.00	222.84
2	Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) for minorities	999.00	641.26	1250.00	953.48	1250.00	754.45
3	Pre-Matric Scholarships for Minorities	900.00	786.14	950.00	963.00	1100.00	1040.23
4	Post-Matric Scholarships for Minorities	500.00	326.43	548.50	515.67	598.50	56.54
5*	Scheme for promotion of education in 100 minority concentration towns/cities identified as backward.	50.00	0.00	--	--	-	-

(₹ in crore)

S. No	Name of the Scheme/Programme	Outlay for 2012-13	Actual Expenditure 2012-13	Outlay for 2013-14	Actual Expenditure 2013-14	Outlay for 2014-15	Actual Expenditure 2014-15 (up to 31.12.2014)
6.*	Village development programme for villages not covered by MCB/MCD	50.00	0.00	-	--	-	--
7.*	Support to district level institutions in MCDs	25.00	0.00	-	-	-	--
8.*	Free cycles to girl students of class IX	5.00	0.00	-	-	-	--
9.	Secretariat, M/o. Minority Affairs Service	1.00	0.95	1.50	1.13	1.50	0.40
	Sub- total(CSS)	2750.00	1935.01	3020.00	2693.18	3285	
	Grand Total(A+B) =	3135.00	2157.04	3530.98	3007.49	3711	2292.40

* These schemes have been merged with Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) for minorities.

CHAPTER- V (C)

The trend analysis of the expenditure vis-a-vis Budget Estimate/Revised Estimates for the years 2013-14 and 2014-15

2013-14

(₹.in crore)

	BE 2013-14	RE 2013-14	Actual Expendi- ture	% Exp. of BE	% Exp. of RE
Plan	3511.00	3111.00	3007.49	85.66	96.67
<i>of which</i>					
Revenue	3391.00	3071.40	3007.49	88.69	97.92
Capital	120.00	39.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non Plan	19.98	19.84	19.26	96.40	97.07
<i>of which</i>					
Revenue	19.98	19.84	19.26	96.40	97.07
Capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total (Plan & Non Plan)	3530.98	3130.84	3026.75	85.72	96.68
<i>of which</i>					
Revenue	3410.98	3091.24	3026.75	88.74	97.91
Capital	120.00	39.60	0.00	0.00	0.00

2014-15

(₹.in crore)

	BE 2014-15	RE 2014-15	Actual Expenditure (up to 31.12.2014)	% Exp. of BE	% Exp. of RE
Plan	3711.00	3140.00	2292.40	61.77	73.01
<i>of which</i>					
Revenue	3591.00	3110.00	2292.40	63.84	73.71
Capital	120.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non Plan	23.01	25.00	16.76	72.84	67.04
<i>of which</i>					
Revenue	23.01	25.00	16.76	72.84	67.04
Capital	-	-	-	-	-
Total (Plan & Non Plan)	3734.01	3165.00	2309.16	61.84	72.96
<i>of which</i>					
Revenue	3614.01	3135.00	2309.16	63.89	73.66
Capital	120.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

CHAPTER- V (D)

**POSITION OF OUTSTANDING UCs AND UNSPENT BALANCES
WITH STATES AND IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES AS ON 01.04.2014
and 31.12.2014**

(Rs. in crore)

No. of Utilization Certificates pending as on 01.04.2014	Amount of pending Utilization Certificates as on 01.04.2014	Amount of unspent balance as on 01.04.2014	No. of Utilization Certificates pending as on 31.12.2014	Amount of Utilization Certificates pending as on 31.12.2014	Amount of unspent balance as on 31.12.2014
1,123	1,507.20	3,928.37	909	1,213.50	1,838.51

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.

For the year 2014-15, the General Body of MAEF has approved 45,000 applications (out of 1.14 lakh applications received by MAEF) for award of scholarships in its meeting held on 19.02.15. Scholarships are under process for disbursal.

An Expert Agency has been engaged to undertake the structural functional analysis of MAEF in order to make it a dynamic organization, responsive to the changing expectations of 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.

The Government of India has released grant-in-aid amounting to Rs.47.07 crore to CWC since 1974-75, which includes Rs.274.55 lakh released during 2014-15. 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 Khawaja 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.
