



Financial Assistance to Minorities Children

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The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements nine Schemes throughout the country (including the rural areas), for educational empowerment of six notified minority communities namely Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain and Parsi (Zoroāstrians). The schemes are as under:

- (i) Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme (for Class I to X);
- (ii) Post-matric Scholarship Scheme (for Class XI to Ph.D.);
- (iii) Merit-cum Means based Scholarship Scheme (For Professional and Technical courses);
- (iv) Free Coaching & Allied Scheme (for Competitive Examinations of Professional Courses and Government jobs);
- (v) Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) (for M.Phil. & Ph.D.);
- (vi) Support for Minorities (for clearing prelims exam conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Staff Selection Commission (SSC) and State Public Service Commissions (SPSCs));
- (vii) Padho Pardesh (for overseas studies at Masters, M.Phil. and Ph.D. Level);
- (viii) Nai Manzil; and
- (ix) Begam Hajrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girls belonging to Minorities-Implemented by Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) (for minority girls studying in Class XIth and XIIth Standard).

The details of first eight Schemes are available on the website of this Ministry i.e. www.minorityaffairs.gov.in and the 9th Scheme is available on www.maef.nic.in .

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