**INDIAN MUSLIM EDUCATION SCHEME**

**(TALEEMI JAMAAT)**

***OBJECTIVE:***

The objective of the scheme is to **inspire a group of people (OR more importantly identify those who are willing to work towards this cause for their award in the life hereafter or who are otherwise willing to help a downtrodden community)** in cities, towns and villages **to volunteer their services for the cause of educating the Muslim masses.** It needs to have similar spirit as those working for Tableegh Jamaat and may be called Taalemi Jamaat. The volunteers of this organization will inspire Muslim ummah to achieve a minimum education of class 12 for each and every Muslim child. They will also help deserving students to achieve university education and excel further as per their ability. The aim is that socio-economic conditions of Muslim children should not become hindrance in achieving education to the best potential of a child.

The scheme will basically work towards the following goals:

i)                 To encourage the parents of socially and financially disadvantaged families to send their children to school. Run special campaigns during new term season for admitting the children in schools. It may involve providing financial assistance to the families who are forced to send young children to work for meeting the living expenses. One major objective will be to encourage parents not to pull out their children from schools during primary or secondary classes and each child should complete a minimum of class XII.

ii)               To run special tutorial classes in each Muslim locality with a minimal charge (or free for the poorer children) 2-3 times a week for children of all classes and more particularly for tenth and twelfth classes with the objective of improving the results of these children. Particular attention will be given to more talented students in order to improve their results. It will be mainly voluntary work. Muslim school teachers, retired people, senior students will render their services for couple of hours a week free of charge. Professional teachers may be hired for special tutoring to targeted students.

iii)             A group of educated Muslim professionals (lawyers, doctors, others etc) will devote their time and effort to improve the quality of education at Muslim schools in their towns. (Most cities have Islamic colleges with large number of Muslim students but their standard is extremely poor). They will hold special meetings with school managements to ensure that the government funds are utilised in optimum fashion and Muslim school results are amongst the best in the town.

iv)             Run special courses to prepare High School & Intermediate students to prepare for competitive exams (for admission in universities, technical/engineering/ medical colleges).

***STRUCTURE:***

Each city will have a team headed by a senior/reputable citizen/citizens. Senior students, teachers, young professionals as well as retired people will be asked to join the Taalemi Jamaat to offer few hours every week to work towards this cause.

Business people/senior professionals as well as other well off people including NRIs from the city will be urged to donate financially towards this cause (say 1-2 days of earning each month). The money collected will help in paying for school fees, running of evening classes and most importantly to pay the poorest the replacement income which their labour child generated before going to school.

An administrative team (2-3 members) of most trustworthy people in each city will collect the finances and spend it as needed.

***IMPLEMENTATION:***

We will begin the plan in 3-4 U.P. cities gradually expand it to the entire state and then to the whole country. Finally, it may have state coordinating offices in state capitals, a national office in Delhi and overseas branches in Sydney and other Western and middle eastern cities with large populations of NRIs. Delhi and Sydney offices will coordinate the activities right from beginning. The initial task will be to find appropriate persons in various cities who are prepared to volunteer their time, energy, money towards this cause and build a team of a minimum of 5 people for each city.

A national entity will be registered which will obtain necessary accreditation/government clearances to receive overseas aid for this charitable cause. It will arrange transfer of funds to city offices as per their needs.

**Special Comment:**

It is obvious from the above plan that we need people who are prepared to give time without any financial incentive. Most of the people will work voluntarily 3-4 hours of work each week. However, we may need to hire professional teachers and pay them at market rates for classes 10 & 12 as well as for tutoring for competitive exams in various fields.

There are thousands of people in each city who give 3-4 hours each week to Tableegh Jamaat, many of them spend their own money to go out for 3, 10, 40 days or even 4 months within the country or even internationally. We need people with similar dedication, who would firmly believe that their efforts would be rewarded in the life hereafter due to this great act of haqooqul Ibad.