

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

PRIME MINISTER'S NEW 15 POINT PROGRAMME FOR THE WELFARE OF MINORITIES.

1. Greater Resources for Teaching Urdu

Academies for Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers have been set up at three Central Universities viz. Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi and Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad. The Academy at JMI has trained 1675 teachers. MANUU has trained 3061 teachers and AMU has conducted 16 Refresher Courses/workshops for Primary/Secondary school teachers and has covered 356 teachers for teaching modern subjects in Urdu medium. An amount of Rs. 4.00 crore for each of these Universities was sanctioned by UGC for establishment of Academies for Professional Development of Urdu Medium Teachers during 11th Plan.

2. Residential Coaching Academies

Rs. 61.31 crores has been sanctioned for establishment of 'Residential Coaching Academies for Minorities, Women/SCs/STs' in Aligarh Muslim University, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Baba Sahib Bhimrao Ambedkar, Jamia Hamdard and Jamia Millia Islamia so far, an amount of Rs. 30.66 crore has been released by University Grants Commission. Jamia Hamdard has admitted 224 students (66 in 2010, 80 in 2011 & 78 in 2012), Maulana Azad National Urdu University admitted 148 students (81 in 2010 & 67 in 2011), Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar has admitted 223 students (95 in 2010, 59 in 2011 & 69 in 2012), Aligarh Muslim University has admitted 96 students and Jamia Millia Islamia has admitted 210 (100 in 2010 and 110 in 2011) students.

3. Madarsa Education

The certificates/qualifications of the Madrasa Boards which have been granted equivalence by the State Education Boards to that of their Secondary and Senior Secondary qualification, have been equated with corresponding certificates of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), Council of Board of School Education in India (COBSE) and other School Examination Boards, for the purpose of employment and entry to higher levels of education. Consequential notification has been issued by DOP&T on 23.2.2010.

4. Women's Hostel

UGC has approved/sanctioned 285 Women's Hostels during 11th Plan in Minority Concentration Districts/Areas. Out of total allocation of Rs.370.19 crore, Rs.203.69 crore have been released till 27th February, 2012.

5. Polytechnics*

Under the Sub-Mission on Polytechnics, the Government of India provides financial assistance to the State Governments/UTs for setting up of polytechnics in the un-served and underserved districts during the 11th Plan. A sum of upto Rs.12.3 crore per polytechnic is provided to the State/UTs, subject to the condition that the land and recurring cost shall be provided by the State Governments/UTs. As per the Scheme criteria, 57 districts out of 90 Minority Concentration Districts are eligible for consideration under the Scheme. So far an amount of Rs.254.66 crore has been released as initial grants for setting up of polytechnics in 48

Districts out of 57 Districts.

6. Establishment of Model Degree Colleges*

A new scheme to assist States for establishment of a model degree college in each of the 374 identified higher educationally backward districts having Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education lower than the national GER has been operationalised. An amount of Rs.782 crore has been earmarked as the Central Government share in the 11th Five Year Plan for the Scheme. In so far as Minority Concentration Areas/Districts are concerned, 64 such areas/districts have been identified under this scheme. Approval has been granted to 15 model degree colleges in Minority Concentration Areas/Districts out of which an amount of Rs.2.67 crore has been released to 2 colleges.

*Planning Commission has proposed to convert it into an umbrella scheme covering Polytechnic and Model Degree Colleges Schemes for incentivising State Governments. Approach paper is under preparation.
