

WELFARE OF MINORITIES

SCHEME FOR WELFARE OF RELIGIOUS MINORITIES

The State Government have declared 4 communities as religious minorities in the State keeping conformity with the community declared as religious minorities at the national level by the Govt. of India. A list of these 4 communities along with their population as per 1991 census is given below :-

Sl. No.	Name of Community	Population	Percentage of total population of the State.
1	2	3	4
1	Muslims	1,96,695	7.13%
2.	Chirtian (Excluding Sch. Tribes)	46,472 (Including STs)	1.68%
3.	Buddhists (Excluding Sch. Tribes)	1,28,260 (Including STs)	4.65%
4.	Sikhs	740	0.2%

2. The actual percentage of Minorities in the State, when Christian STs and the Buddhist STs are excluded, is estimated to be 7.5% or 8%.

3. The State Government have created a separate Directorate for Welfare of Minorities and a Corporation namely, "The Tripura Minorities Co-operative Development Corporation Ltd. The Directorate and the Corporation has started functioning. The main objective of the Directorate is to take special care of the Minorities and of the Corporation is to extend credit facilities to the Religious Minorities in the State for their economic development.

Scheme-wise financial and physical target 2006-2007 are given below:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. NO.	Scheme	Objects	Financial	Physical
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Pre-matric scholarship to RM Stds.	@ Rs. 50/- per month for ten month in an academic year.	30.00	8,000 Stds.

2.	Post-matric scholarship to RM Stds. (XI/XII)	Scholarship @ Rs. 65/- per month to the Minority Stds. reading in Class XI & XII (for ten month in a year)	3.00	350 Stds.
3.	Pre-examination coaching for RM Students.	To encourage Minority candidates for appearing competitive examination.	0.50	6 Stds.
4.	Dr. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Memorial Award to Minority Stds. (Madhyamik & H/S).	Those who secure at least 60% marks in the Madhyamik/ Class XII final examination are paid cash award of Rs.1,500/-	0.60	40 Stds.
5.	Folk arts & Culture.	For Dev. of art & Culture and for creation of awareness.	1.05	Need Based
6.	Construction of Hostel for RM Girls'.	For continuing study.	30.00	1 Hostel
7.	Special Incentive to RM Girls.	--	2.50	350 Stds.
8.	Boarding house stipend.	--	0.10	Need Based
9.	Special coaching in core subject	--	0.10	5 Stds.
10.	Supply of furniture / utensil to RM hostels.	--	0.05	Need based
11.	Settlement scheme for land less Agri/ Non-Agri Minority workers.	To settle poor land less Agri/ Non-agri Minority family.	1.00	5 families
12.	Creation of Rubber/ Plantation.	Settlement of Minority families in Rubber cultivation.	0.00	--
13.	Financial assistance to RM patients.	For treatment of Minority patient.	14.55	2,800 Bene.
14.	Share Capital assistance to	For purchase of 'B' Class share of	7.50	750 Nos.

	Minority Corporation.	Minority Corporation.		
15.	Direction & Administration.	Pay/ Salary and other contingency.	7.50	Need Based
16.	Outfit allowance	--	0.10	2 students
17.	Training in GNM Course for RM students.	--	5.20	8 students
18.	D-Pharma course for RM Students.	--	4.90	7 Students.
19.	Aid to Non-Official Organisation	--	0.00	--