

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1634
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SETTING UP OF MAULANA AZAD FOUNDATION
UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Maulana Azad Foundation has been set up to promote education amongst the minorities;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by this Foundation in 2001-2002 to increase educational facilities amongst the minorities;
- (c) whether any training institutes been set up by this Foundation to enable minorities to compete in information technology and related subjects;
- (d) if so, the details of any tie-ups arrived at with universities in this regard; and
- (e) if not, whether the Foundation will select some universities to specially train and educate minority students in areas related to Information Technology?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Maulana Azad Education Foundation has been set up to promote education amongst the educationally backward minorities in particular and other weaker sections in general.
- (b) The Foundation has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 9,34,63,400 to 69 NGOs as grant-in-aid during the year 2001-02. Out of above, an amount of Rs. 8,08,40,000/- has been given to 58 NGOs for construction/expansion of schools/colleges/hostel buildings and an amount of Rs. 1,10,93,000/- to 9 NGOs for technical education and an amount of Rs. 15,30,400/- to 2 NGOs for remedial coaching.
- (c),(d) & (e) No training institute has been set up by the Foundation in the field of Information technology. The Foundation assists only those NGOs which are registered under the Indian Trust Act/Societies Registration Act. Universities do not fall under this category. Hence, there is no tie-up with them.