

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3612
ANSWERED ON:16.08.2000
15 POINT PROGRAMME FOR MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 15 Point Programme for the welfare of minorities has been implemented;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of achievements made under the programme, State and Territory-wise;
- (d) whether the Government propose to formulate some more programmes for welfare of minorities;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b)&(c) The details of 15 Point Programme and the State/UT-wise achievements are placed at Annexure-I and II, respectively.
- (d),(e)&(f) The on-going 15 Point programme is being reviewed, so as to make it a more effective instrument for welfare of the minorities.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART(B) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3612 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH AUGUST 2000 REGARDING 15 POINT PROGRAMME FOR MINORITIES

15-POINT PROGRAMME FOR WELFARE OF MINORITIES

Communal Riots

1. In the areas which have been identified as communally sensitive and riot prone, District and Police Officials of the highest knows efficiency, impartiality and secular record must posted. In such areas and even elsewhere, the prevention of communal tension should be one of the primary duties of DM and SP.Their performances in this regard should be an important factor in determining the promotion prospects.
 - 2 Good work done in this regard by District and Police Official should be rewarded.
 - 3 Severe action should be taken against all those who incite communal tensions or take part in violence
 4. Special court or courts specifically earmarked to try communal offences should be set up so that offenders are brought to book speedily.
 5. Victims of communal riots should be given immediate relief and provided prompt and adequate financial assistance for the rehabilitation.
 6. Radio & TV must also help in restoring confidence, communal harmony and peace in such affected areas.
 - 7 It is unfortunate that certain sections of the Press sometimes indulge in tendentious reporting and publication of objectionable and inflammatory material, which may incite communal tension. Editors, printers, publishers and other concerned will cooperate in finding a way to avoid publication of such material.
- Recruitment to State and Central Services

8. In the recruitment of police personnel, State Governments should be advised to give special consideration to minorities.For this purpose, the composition of selection of Committees should be representative.

9. The Central Government should take similar action in the recruitment of personnel to the Central Police Forces.
10. Large scale employment opportunities are provided by the Railways, Nationalised Banks and Public Sector Enterprisesin these cases also the concerned departments should ensure that special considerations given to recruitment from minority communities.
11. In many areas recruitment is done through competitive examinations. Often minority groups have been handicapped in taking advantage of the education system to complete on equal terms in such examinations. To help them overcome these handicaps step should be taken to encourage the starting of coaching classes in minority educational institutions to train persons to compete successfully in the these examinations.
12. The acquisition of technical skills by those minorities who are today lagging behind would also help in national development arrangements should be made to set up ITI's and polytechnics by Government of private agencies in predominantly minority areas encourage admission in such institutions of adequate number of persons belonging to these communities.

Other Measures

13. In various development programmes including the 20-Point Programme, care should be taken to see that minorities secure in a fair and adequate measure the benefits flowing therefrom. In the various committees, which are set up to oversee the implementation of such programmes, members of these communities should be actively involved.
14. Apart from the above general issues there are various local problems which develop into needless irritants to minorities. For instant encroachment of Wakf properties and on graveyards have led to protests and grievances in some places. Suitable steps should taken to deal with such problems on an expeditious and satisfactory basis.
15. Problems relating to minorities need to be attended to on a contributing basis so that apprehensions are allayed and genuine grievances redresses. To facilitate this a special cell will be crated in the Ministry of Home Affairs to deal with matters relating to minority.

ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART(C) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3612 TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH AUGUST 2000 REGARDING 15 POINT PROGRAMME FOR MINORITIES

(For the period ending 30.9.99)

States/UTs No.of Minority Edu.Instns. No.of Compt Exams. No.of Stud admttd/apprd No.of Stuts successful No.of Centres where ITI/Poly. Proposal to set up I.T.I./Polytech No.of Min.Committee at Distt. Level No. of encroachment of WAKF propertie No. of such cases dealt No. of cases unresolved Remarks

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3. Goa nil nil nil nil nil nil nil nil nil nil -

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7 Kerala 1 1 166 N.A. nil nil N.A. nil nil nil

8. Maharashtra nil - - - - - 266 - 266 -

9. Mizoram nil nil nil nil nil nil 8 nil nil nil -

10. Nagaland nil nil nil nil nil nil nil nil nil nil -

11. Punjab 1 8 54 16 Nil N.A. 17 nil nil nil -

12. Tamil Nadu nil - - - Nil nil 19 318 318 317 -

13. Tripura nil - - - - - - - - -

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15. West Bengal 1 2 114 - nil nil 3 68 16 50 -

16. Chandigarh nil nil nil nil nil nil nil 1 nil nil nil -

17. D&N Haveli nil - - - nil - 1 nil nil nil -

18. Jammu & Kas 2 nil - - 1 nil 2 nil nil nil -