

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATIONAL BACKWARDNESS AMONG MUSLIMS
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of educational backwardness among the Muslims ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the remedial steps being taken by the Government to improve the educational backwardness among Muslims ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (A.R. ANTULAY)

(a)to(b) : Government has constituted a High Level Committee to prepare a report on the social, economic and educational status of the Muslim community of India. The report of the Committee has been tabled in the Lok Sabha on 30th November, 2006. It is also available in the website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in Chapter four of the report deals with the educational conditions of Muslims

(c) An important objective of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities is to ensure that the benefits of various governmental schemes for the under privileged reach the disadvantaged sections of the minority communities, including Muslims. Point No. A of the programme contains schemes for improving the educational opportunities available to minorities. The 15 Point Programme is also available in the website www.minorityaffairs.gov.in