

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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COMPUTER AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO MUSLIM COMMUNITY  
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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating any plan to impart computer and vocational training to the persons belonging to Muslim community;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of computer and vocational training centres being run in Maharashtra for Muslim community alongwith the organizations which are running such centres; and
- (d) the performance of such training centres so far?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY) :

(a) to (d) Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) is running a Vocational Training Centre for Women in the old campus of Dr. Zakir Hussain College, Ajmeri Gate, Delhi. At this Centre, free training is provided to girl students from walled city for Cutting and Tailoring, Textile Designing, Beauty Culture and Computer Training. MAEF also provides financial assistance to NGOs for purchase of equipment, construction of training centre etc. in various States. They have assisted 7 projects in Maharashtra with a sanctioned amount of Rs. 49.13 lakhs covering 918 beneficiaries. Vocational training courses for minority communities are also run by National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC), through State Channelising agencies, where 85% of the expenditure is met by NMDFC by way of grant. During 2005-06, 60 women candidates have been trained in Fashion Technology through NIFT, Mumbai in which NMDFC incurred an expenditure of Rs. 1.78 lakhs.