

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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BUDGET ALLOCATION UNDER PROGRAMMES FOR MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Minority Affairs has asked all the Ministries/Departments to set 15 percent of their budget for programmes related to minorities; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) Government has recently announced the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities which provides that, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes shall be earmarked for minorities. Various Ministries/Departments implementing such schemes under this programme have been asked to earmark targets and outlays.