

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME FOR MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any schemes to alleviate poverty among the minorities particularly the Muslims in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the measures taken/being taken by the Government to alleviate poverty among the minorities?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) Government has recently announced the Prime Minister's New 15-Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities. An important objective of the new programme is to ensure that the benefits of various governmental schemes for the underprivileged reach the disadvantaged sections of the minority community. It also provides, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes should be earmarked for minorities. All the notified minority communities including Muslims, are covered by this programme and it will be implemented in all States and Union Territories including Andhra Pradesh.