

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2432
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INTER-MINISTERIAL TASK FORCE
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any action to improve civic amenities and increasing economic opportunities in minorities concentrated cities/towns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof?
- (c) whether the Government has taken any programme for minorities dominated towns/cities on the basis of the inter-ministerial task force headed by Dr. B.L. Mungekar; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SALMANKHURSHID)

(a) to(d): On the basis of the inter-ministerial task force headed by Dr. B.L.Mungekar, 338 cities/ towns having a substantial minority population were identified and action has been taken to improve civic amenities and to increase the economic opportunities by giving priority in locating existing schemes/ programmes in these cities/ towns. These include opening of new Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), upgradation of existing ITIs, Basic Service to Urban Poor (BSUP), Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP), Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMTs), National Rural Health Mission and Urban Health Mission, opening of new branches of Public Sector Banks and improving the flow of credit to minorities.