

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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WELFARE OF MINORITIES  
Singh Shri Ganesh

**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the achievements made so far under Prime Minister's 15 point programme during the current Five Year Plan, Ministry-wise;
- (b) the number of Ministries/Departments earmarked 15% of outlays under various schemes for Minorities development;
- (c) the total expenditure so far incurred under scheme during 11th Five Year Plan, year-wise;
- (d) whether any change in the 15 point programme has been envisaged by the Government in view of the shortcomings particularly the administrative manpower shortage as noticed in the present set up; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SALMAN KHURSHID)

(a) to (c) The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities was announced in June, 2006. It provides that, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes should be earmarked for minorities. Ministries/Departments achievements made during the current Five Year Plan for schemes included in the new programme, including those schemes amenable to earmarking for minorities, are given at Annex.

(d) &(e) The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme was amended in October, 2009 for incorporating a few schemes under the programme and for inclusion of Members of Parliament and Members of Legislative Assembly in the State and district level committees for implementation of the programme. The functions expected to be discharged have been carried out fully and presently, no change is envisaged by the Government for the programme.