

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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BACKWARDNESS AMONG MINORITY POPULATION
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has been revealed in a report received by the Union Government that in comparison to national average the people living in minority dominated areas are backward from social, economic and education point of view;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether efforts are being made to bring them at par with national average level; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) 90 Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) were identified on the basis of substantial minority population and relative backwardness in terms of selected socio-economic and basic amenities parameters based on data of 2001 Census. A list of MCDs showing the backwardness parameters is at Annex I.

(c) and (d) A special area development programme, named Multi-sectoral Development programme (MsDP) for Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs), has been launched to address the development deficits identified by a baseline survey in such districts so that the indicators are brought at par with the national averages. Out of the 90 identified MCDs the plans of 81 MCDs have been approved by this Ministry and Rs. 1290.62 crore have been released to the States/UTs till now. The list of projects approved and funds released State-wise for 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 are at Annex-II