

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVEMENT IN MINORITY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has convened a meeting of leading muslim industrialists and philanthropists for suggesting ways and means for improving the status of minority education in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of discussions held in the meetings and the follow-up action taken thereon;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up community based polytechnics to bolster varied craft skills of muslims; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) & (d) Out of 90 identified Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs), 88 are muslim minority population-concentration districts. Under the 'Community Development through Polytechnics' programme 57 MCDs are eligible for financial assistance. Till date an amount of Rs.108.66 crores has been released as initial grant for setting up of polytechnics in 36 MCDs under the Scheme of Sub-Mission on Polytechnics.