

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any action plan for the empowerment of women belonging to minority communities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the government has received any recommendations from the National Women Commission in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (VINCENT PALA)

(a) & (b): A scheme for Leadership Development of minority women was launched by this Ministry in January, 2010 and is implemented from 2010-11. The objective of the scheme is to empower and instill confidence in women, by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with functionaries of Government, banks, etc. at all levels. Two types of leadership trainings are provided in the scheme namely, training in village/locality and residential leadership development training in institutes. The scheme is to be implemented through Government and non-governmental organizations. The target for imparting training in 2010-11 is 56850 women. Copy of the scheme is available on the website of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, namely www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

(c), (d) & (e): Does not arise.