

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2473
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PARTICIPATION OF MUSLIM WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to ensure active participation of Muslim women in the development process;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any road map has been prepared in this regard for the remaining period of the Eleventh Five Year Plan especially for the States including Andhra Pradesh having more Muslim population; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) and (b): A scheme for leadership development of minority women has been launched and is implemented from 2010-11. The objective of the scheme is to empower and instill confidence in women, including Muslim women, by providing knowledge, tools and techniques for interacting with functionaries of Government, banks, etc. at all levels.

(c) and (d): The scheme has been approved for implementation during the 11th Five Year Plan with a revised allocation of Rs. 5 crore for 2010-11 and Rs. 15 crore for 2011-12 to cover 18950 and 55800 women trainees respectively. This scheme is applicable to all the States in the country.