

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

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EDUCATION TO MUSLIM COMMUNITY

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the muslim community is still backward as compared to other minority communities in the matter of education;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any scheme is in operation to provide quality education in madrasas;
- (d) if so, the number of madrasas covered under the scheme in each State/UT during the current Five Year Plan;
- (e) the funds released and utilised under the scheme during the above period;and
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to improve the standard of education amongst the muslim communities?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) As per Census 2001, the literacy rate among Muslims was 59.1%, as against the national average of 64.8%.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. During 11th Plan, Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) was launched under which 6549 Madrasas from 16 States/Union Territories have been assisted so far by providing funding to the tune of Rs.17771.18 lakhs for honorarium of teachers teaching modern subjects, Book Bank, Science-Math Kits, Computer Lab and Teacher Training etc.

(f) The steps taken to improve the standard of education among the minority communities including Muslim community are indicated in Annexure-I.