

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:706
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FUNDS FOR THE WELFARE OF THE MINORITIES
Chaudhary Shri Jayant

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of plan funds under the Eleventh Five Year Plan spent for the welfare of minorities;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to enhance the allocation of funds for the said purpose;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the bottlenecks for the under- utilization of funds allocated for the welfare of minorities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

- (a) and (b): The 11th Five Year Plan allocation for the Ministry of Minority Affairs as approved by the Planning Commission was Rs. 7000 Crores. The Ministry up to March 2011 incurred a total expenditure of Rs. 4540.61 crores representing 64.86% of the total allocation. With the allocation of Annual Plan 2011-12 of Rs. 2850 crore, the Government has already enhanced the 11th Five Year Plan allocation.
- (c): There are no bottlenecks that impede full utilization of funds budgeted for the Ministry.
- (d): Question does not arise.