

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF WORKING GROUP
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Advisory Council has suggested to set up a fresh Working Group on Minority Affairs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to set up the said Group in order to improve the living condition of minorities in the country, and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) and (d): The Planning Commission has constituted a Working Group on Empowerment of the Minorities for the formulation of Twelfth Five Year Plan and one of the terms of reference, inter-alia, is to consider the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities which includes improving the conditions of living of minorities as one of the objectives.