

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:490  
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS UNDER MSDP  
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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that muslims form 73% of the minorities;
- (b) if so, the share of muslims getting the allocation of funds under the Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) out of the funds earmarked for minorities in the country;
- (c) whether the muslims are not getting their percentage share under MSDP;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Muslims constitute 72.94 % of the total minorities as per the 2001 Census.
- (b): Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) aims to address the development deficits brought out by a baseline survey by improving the socio- economic and basic amenities parameters of the 90 Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) as a whole to bring them at par with national average. Critical infrastructure linkages which can act as a catalyst in this regard are also taken up. Allocation, therefore, is made to MCDs and community wise. However, priority is given for location of social and economic infrastructure in villages/blocks/ localities having substantial population of minority communities.
- (c) to (e): Do not arise, in view of the reply to (b).