

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

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LITERACY RATE AMONG MUSLIMS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the literacy rate among Muslims/Muslim women, in the country is very insignificant;
- (b) if so, the details of the existing schemes for improvement in the rate of literacy among Muslims in the country;
- (c) whether the drop out rate among the students of Minority communities including Muslims in schools has increased in recent past;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the concrete measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?.

Answer

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

- (a) According to the Census 2001 (the full spectrum of 2011 census is not yet available), literacy level among Muslims was 59.1% as against the national average of 65.1%.
- (b) To address the low participation of minorities especially muslims, in the national education system, the Government has taken many initiatives. Details of the schemes are at Annexure.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) Same as (b) above.