

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1798  
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2011  
PARTICIPATION OF MUSLIM WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS  
Reddy Shri K. Jayasurya Prakash

**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is taking steps to ensure that muslim women are partners in the development process;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken in this direction during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the road map prepared in this regard for areas where there is more muslim population as a special package, State-wise for the Eleventh Five year plan?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1798 TO BE ANSWERED ON 1.12.2011 RAISED BY SHRI K.J.S.P. REDDY REGARDING 'PARTICIPATION OF MUSLIM WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS'.

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. In the Pre-matric, Post-matric and Merit-cum-means Scholarship Schemes implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, 30% of the scholarships are earmarked for girls belonging to five notified minority communities viz. Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Parsis. State-wise details of girl beneficiaries under these 3 schemes during Eleventh Plan Period in the country upto 28th November 2011 including in the State of Andhra Pradesh is at Annex- I, II & III.

The Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) is running a vocational training centre at Delhi where free training is provided to girl students of minority communities, including Muslims, in courses like dress designing/ cutting and tailoring, textiles, arts, crafts and computers. The MAEF also provides scholarship to meritorious girl students of minority communities including Muslims who have passed class 10. During the Eleventh Plan period, as on 28.11.2011, MAEF has distributed 48471 scholarships across the country. This includes 3047 scholarships in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) provides special focus to the credit needs of women which includes muslim women also. The micro-finance scheme of NMDFC mainly focuses on empowering the poor minority women by meeting their credit needs. Since inception upto 28.11.2011, 90% of the assistance under the Micro-finance scheme has been extended to 3,24,190 women beneficiaries and 35% of the total assistance under Term Loan scheme has been extended to 1,25,765 women beneficiaries. During the 11th Plan period, upto 28.11.2011, an amount of Rs. 786.13 crore has been disbursed to 3,84,031 beneficiaries and in the remaining part of the 11th Plan, NMDFC targets to disburse an amount of Rs. 139.71 crore to assist about 56,004 beneficiaries. State-wise details of fund disbursed and beneficiaries covered including in the State of Andhra Pradesh by NMDFC under Term loan and Micro finance Schemes during Eleventh Plan period is at Annex- IV and V.

Under Multi-sectoral Development Plan (MsDP) works like Additional Class Rooms (ACRs) in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), solar lanterns and girls hostels have been approved for the benefit of girls/women. State-wise details of these works taken up during 11th Plan period are at Annex-VI.

The Ministry has also finalized a special scheme for Leadership Development of Minority Women in the 11th Five Year Plan. NMDFC also has sanctioned a special package for vocational training of 900 women in the States of J&K and Kerala.