

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF NEW COMMISSION FOR MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up two new commissions for the welfare of the minorities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including their composition and objectives, separately; and
- (c) the time by which the said commissions are likely to submit their reports?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SALMAN KHURSHID)

(a) to (c): In order to have an appropriate mechanism to deal with matters relating to equal opportunities for deprived groups and diversity in living, educational and work spaces, the Government had constituted two Expert Groups. One Expert Group was to examine and determine the structure and functions of an Equal Opportunity Commission and the other one was to recommend an appropriate 'diversity index' to promote diversity in living, educational and work spaces. The reports of these two Expert Groups have already been published and are available on the website of Ministry i.e.: www.minorityaffairs.gov.in