

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORITIES IN PRIVATE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) has constituted a committee to look into the issue of providing adequate job opportunities to minorities in private sector;
- (b) if so, whether the committee has submitted its report;
- (c) if so, the salient features thereof; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): ASSOCHAM has informed that it has constituted a separate Foundation under the nomenclature "ASSOCHAM Foundation for Inclusive Growth for SC & ST". According to ASSOCHAM, under this Foundation they have undertaken number of programmes for increasing the employability of Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and minority communities. ASSOCHAM have further informed that two reports have been brought out highlighting various activities, and that the reports suggest to scale-up affirmative action for skill development as well as skill up-gradation of the Minorities, SCs, STs and OBCs. Government gives due weightage to such external inputs.