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EDUCATION TO OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Muslim youth are not able to go in for higher education due to financial constraints;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts made by the Government to promote education among such socially backward people?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON)

(a)to (c): Economic condition is one of the impediments in the participation of Muslim youth in higher education.

In order to promote higher education among them, central assistance is provided to the States/Union Territories under various schemes which, inter-alia, include schemes for scholarship, construction of hostels and other infrastructure. Financial assistance is also provided for establishment of model degree colleges and polytechnics in identified minority concentration areas/districts and for establishment of residential coaching academies for minorities etc. in specified universities. The National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) also provides loans at concessional rates of interest to the eligible members of backward classes including Muslims through State Channelising Agencies nominated by the respective State Government/UT.