

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATIONAL BACKWARDNESS AMONG MUSLIMS
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that educational backwardness is the main reason for the backwardness among Muslim community;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to improve the condition of their educational backwardness;
- (c) whether there is any body to monitor various schemes and programmes of the Government for the upliftment of minorities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a)&(b):Educational backwardness being one of the reasons for the backwardness among Muslim community, the Government has taken following steps to eradicate the same:

In order to improve literacy rate amongst Muslims, which is 59% as per 2001 Census, Ministry of Minority Affairs is awarding Pre-matric Scholarship, Post-matric Scholarship, Merit-cum-means Based Scholarship and Maulana Azad National Fellowship exclusively to Minority students. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has undertaken schemes for Providing Quality Education in Madarasas (SPQEM), Infrastructure Development of Minority Institutions (IDMI), Establishment of Residential Coaching Academies for Minorities/ SC/ ST and Women, Establishment of Urdu Academy/ Centre for Professional Development of Urdu Teachers, Establishment of a satellite campus of Maulana Azad National Urdu University (MANUU), Hyderabad, Establishment of Model Degree Colleges and Establishment of Women Hostels in Minority Concentrated Districts.

(c)&(d):Schemes related to Ministry of Minority Affairs are being monitored through National Productivity Council (NPC) which deploys National Level Monitors (NLMs) for the purpose. The Ministry of Human Resource Development has an executive body viz. National Monitoring Committee for Minorities Education (NMCME) which monitors various issues related to the schemes of Ministry of Human Resource Development targeted at educational development of Minorities.

(e) Does not arise.