

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Union Government on the basis of a report has observed that the population of minority dominated districts of the country is lagging behind the national average on the front of social, economic, and educational progress;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether efforts are being made to bring it at par with national average;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the efforts being made for the development of minorities particularly in the minority dominated backward districts of the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID)

- (a) & (b): The Government has identified 90 Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) having a substantial minority population, which are relatively backward and falling behind the national average in terms of socio-economic and basic amenities indicators based on population figures and the backwardness parameters from Census, 2001.
- (c) to (e): The efforts are being made to bring these MCDs at par with national average through a special area development programme i.e. Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) of the Ministry of Minority Affairs launched during 11th Five Year Plan. The Programme aims to address the development deficits in these MCDs. Out of the total allocation of Rs. 3780 crore for MsDP for 11th Five Year Plan, projects worth Rs. 3733.90 (central share) have been approved by the Ministry. Besides this, PM's New 15 Point Programme for Welfare of Minorities covers various important flagship programmes of various Ministries/Departments which provide benefit to these minority areas as admissible under these schemes either through separate earmarking or through specific monitoring of resource flow.