

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR MINORITIES

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets fixed and achievements made under the welfare schemes for minorities being implemented by the Government in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the number of persons belonging to minority communities benefited under these schemes during the said period, State-wise;
- (c) whether there has been delay in achieving the pre-determined targets; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government for effective implementation of these schemes?

Answer

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

a) & b): The targets, achievements made and the total number of beneficiaries who benefitted from the welfare schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs for the five notified minorities in the country including individual oriented schemes of the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme, during each of the last three years and the current year, scheme-wise and State-wise, is at Annexure.

c): In some schemes delays have taken place in implementation due to non-submission of project proposals in time by States/UTs, delay in identification of location of projects by the States, land availability problem, delayed transfer of funds by the State Government to the district authority/implementing agencies, non-release of State share by some of the States, delayed identification of implementing agency and non- submission of utilization certificates in time.

d): In order to make these the Schemes / Programmes more effective and focused, the Working Group which was constituted on 'Empowerment of Minorities' for formulation of 12th Five Year Plan has made various recommendations, which include making the Scholarship Schemes Demand Driven, the unit of planning for area development to be made Block instead of District, to expand the basket of schemes included in the PM's New 15 Point Programme, to introduce social audit for all minority welfare schemes, etc. Further, in order to streamline the scholarship schemes, the Ministry of Minority Affairs has introduced Online Scholarship Management System (OSMS) for Merit-cum-means based Scholarship Scheme in 2011-12 and Post-matric Scholarship Scheme in 2012-13.