

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4143
ANSWERED ON:06.09.2012
BUDGET FOR MINORITIES
Pakirappa Shri S.

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the major heads of the Government in the budget during the last three years are in the name of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Communities but not in the name of minorities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken to rectify the same; and
- (d) the allocation of the Ministry spent on Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes, Other Backward Classes and others and on minorities in the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c) : Prior to the financial year 2012-13, the Ministry of Minority Affairs operated the heads 0250- Other Social Services, 102 Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes and 2225 & 4225 - Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs moved a proposal to include "Minorities" in the description of these Heads of accounts. Accordingly in January 2012 (effective from the financial year 2012-13), the 2225 and 4225 were changed to include the word "Minorities" and the addition of 04 - Welfare of Minorities. Under 0250, the Head 102 was nomenclatured to include the word "Minorities".

(d): Out of the Plan allocation of Rs. 3135 crore for 2012-13 an amount of Rs. 474.63 crore has been incurred till 31st August, 2012. The entire allocation of the Ministry is spent exclusively for the welfare of minorities.