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WELFARE OF MUSLIM COMMUNITY
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Advisory Council has recommended for putting emphasis on the welfare of muslim community in the Twelfth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details of recommendations thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to consider these recommendations?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI NINONG ERING)

(a) & (b) :The National Advisory Council (NAC) submitted its report titled "Towards Inclusive Development to Empower Minorities" with the following major recommendations:-

Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP)

(i)For implementation of the Multi sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) and Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme, rural and urban areas with a high concentration of minorities should be the Unit of Planning with focus on access to basic services such as Integrated Child Development Services, clean drinking water, individual sanitation, sewerage and drainage.

(ii)Formal engagement of non- governmental organizations (NGOs) in all the Minority Concentration Districts for monitoring and mandatory social audits.

(iii)Substantially enhancing allocation for MsDP in 12th Plan.

(iv)Revision of MsDP guidelines to ensure that need based proposals have synergy with the 15 Point Programme rather than duplication.

(v)Establishment of a credible data bank on an urgent basis for operationalisation of the Assessment and Monitoring Agency.

(vi)Expansion of the 15-Point Programme to include schemes such as small and medium industries, youth affairs, agriculture.

Scholarship Schemes

(vii)Make the Pre-Matric scholarships a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme.

(viii)Make the Pre- matric and Post- matric scholarship Schemes demand – driven and universal schemes

(ix)Increase the scholarship amount for Post- Matric scholarships with rationalized and differing scholarship structure for different categories (10+2, Basic Degree Courses, Professional Degree Courses).

(x)Increase amount and number of Merit-cum- means and Maulana Azad National Fellowships.

(xi)Ensure a radical simplification of procedures at all levels to make schemes accessible to those who need them most.

(c):The Planning Commission has allocated an amount of Rs.17,323 crore for the Twelfth Five-Year Plan for the Ministry of Minority Affairs. Of this an amount of Rs.5650 crore and Rs.9,860 crore has been earmarked for the MsDP and Scholarship / Fellowship Schemes respectively.

As far as MsDP is concerned, the Ministry is restructuring the programme to sharpen the focus on minority concentration blocks (MCBs) in place of minority concentration districts (MCDs). The proposed new schemes viz.(i) Promotion of education in 100 minority concentration towns/cities (ii) Village development programme for villages not covered by minority concentration blocks (MCBs) and (iii) Support to Districts Level institution in Minority Concentration Districts have been factored in the proposed restructuring of MsDP for implementation in the 12th Five Year Plan.

The Ministry is also revising the scholarship schemes in the light of the recommendations of the NAC.

Further action has been taken for the implementation of the following new Schemes during the 12th Five Year Plan:-

- (i) Interest subsidy scheme for overseas students belonging to the minority communities;
- (ii) Support for students clearing Preliminaries conducted by SSC/ UPSC, State Public Service Commissions, etc.;
- (iii) Skill development initiatives to enhance employment and livelihoods.