

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITION OF BACKWARD COMMUNITIES AND MINORITIES

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conditions of backward communities and minorities have improved as per the human development index prepared by the Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State/Community and caste-wise?

Answer

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

(a) From the Human Development Report, 2011 prepared by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research(an autonomous body of the Planning Commission) it appears that the condition of the backward communities and minorities has improved in general when compared with the condition in the past. Across religious group the incidence of poverty among muslims in rural areas is actually less than the aggregate, while amongst Christians and Sikhs the same is considerably lower than the aggregate. The unemployment rate according to the Report among SC and ST workers has decreased in both rural and urban areas and for muslim there is a similar pattern.. The three groups (SCs/STs/ muslims) are converging towards the national average in terms of literacy rate.

(b) The details State/Community and caste-wise are available in the website <http://www.iamrindia.gov.in>