

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITION OF MUSLIMS
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the latest data available on the poverty, literacy and employment status of the Muslim in the country; and
- (b) the schemes and programmes being implemented/proposed to be implemented by the Union government to improve the condition of the Muslims in the States?

Answer

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

(a) (i) As per the Press Note on Poverty Estimates, 2009-10 released by the Planning Commission, Government of India in March 2012, the poverty estimates for Muslims is as follows:

In urban areas poverty ratio at all India level is highest for Muslims (33.9%). Similarly, for urban areas the poverty ratio is high for Muslims in states such as Rajasthan (29.5%), Uttar Pradesh (49.5%), Gujarat (42.4%), Bihar (56.5%) and West Bengal (34.9%)
In rural areas, the head count ratio for Muslims is very high in states such as Assam (53.6%), Uttar Pradesh (44.4%), West Bengal (34.4%) and Gujarat (31.4%)

(ii) As per the India Human Development Report 2011 published by the Institute of Applied Manpower Research, Planning Commission details regarding Literacy And Employment status of Muslims are given below:
Literacy Rate for Muslims, 2007-08.

Rural Urban
63.5%
75.1%

Source: Calculated from NSS Database 64th Round (for 2007-08).

Note: For population 7 years and above.

Employment Status for Muslims, 2007-08.

Worker Population Ratio by Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status for Muslims in 2009-10.

Rural Urban
51.8% 45.9%

Source: Calculated from NSS, Database (50th and 61st Rounds).

Note: For population aged 15 years and above.

(b) : The details of schemes/programmes being implemented by the Ministry for the welfare of notified minorities, including Muslims, are given as below:

- (i) Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP)
- (ii) Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme
- (iii) Post-matric Scholarship Scheme.
- (iv) Maulana Azad National Fellowship For Minority Students.
- (v) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship.
- (vi) Free Coaching and Allied Scheme.
- (vii) Maulana Azad Education Foundation Scholarship Scheme for Meritorious Girls
- (viii) Loan Schemes of National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation.

(ix) Leadership Development of Minority Women.

(x) Computerization of records of State Wakf Boards.

(xi) Schemes of other Ministries/Departments under Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme where earmarking of 15% of financial outlays/physical targets is done or flow of fund/benefit to areas with substantial minority population and progress under schemes/initiatives meant for minorities is monitored.