

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF FUND FOR COST INFERTILITY TREATMENT IN PARSI COUPLES

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set up any fund for bearing the cost of infertility treatment in Parsi couples; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the results achieved so far?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam. However, Ministry of Minority Affairs has formulated a scheme for containing the declining Parsi population in India viz., "Scheme for containing population decline of small minority community". The "in-principle" approval of the Planning Commission has been received for implementation of the scheme during the 12th Five Year Plan. The proposed scheme seeks to provide financial assistance for various types of fertility treatment including medicines and screening of female child for detection of diseases that result in infertility, as per norms of the scheme. The note for consideration of the Standing Finance Committee of the scheme has been circulated for consultation with the other concerned Ministries/Departments.