

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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VILLAGES AND BLOCKS OUTSIDE MCDS
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many minority dominated villages and blocks are still remain outside the Minority Concentrated Districts (MCDs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of such villages identified in the country, State/UT-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to bring them to mainstream of the Minority Concentrated Districts?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) During 11th Five Year Plan, district was adopted as the unit of planning under Multi -sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) and 90 Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) only were identified on the basis of substantial minority population and backwardness criteria for the implementation of MsDP. Consequently, certain blocks and villages with substantial minority population remained outside the 90 MCDs.

(c) & (d) The Ministry has proposed to make block as the unit of planning for implementation of MsDP during 12th Five Year Plan. Accordingly, 710 Minority Concentration Blocks (MCBs) with substantial minority population and falling in districts fulfilling backwardness criteria have been identified in the country for implementation of MsDP. Out of these, 165 blocks falling in 69 districts exist outside the earlier identified 90 MCDs. Further, the Ministry also proposes to cover cluster of minority concentration villages lying outside the MCBs for implementation of MsDP.