

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MULTI SECTORAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
Noor Mausam

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of Multi-Sectoral Development Programme;
- (b) the number of districts covered under this programme during the last three years and the current year including West Bengal, State-wise;
- (c) whether any proposals have been received by the Union Government from West Bengal to fund for the development of backward regions of the State including Malda; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a) Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme launched in 2008-09 by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, is under implementation in 90 (ninety) Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) of 20 States/Union Territories (UTs) for development of infrastructure and basic amenities. Out of the total allocation of Rs. 3780 crore for this programme during 11th Five Year Plan, projects for Rs. 3733.90 crore were approved and Rs. 2935.93 crore were released. During the year 2012-13, projects worth Rs.1109.74. crore have been approved and Rs.646.42 crore has been released till 31.03.13. An allocation of Rs. 1250. 00 Crore has been made for the current year 2013-14 under the scheme.

(b) State-wise list of districts including West Bengal covered under MsDP during the last three years is at Annexure - I. The proposals for current year 2013-14 have not yet been received from States/ UTs.

(c) & (d) The proposals received during last three years from West Bengal for various MCDs including Malda have been considered and eligible projects have been approved. The year-wise details of the MCDs of West Bengal including Malda which have been funded under MsDP are at Annexure-II. The proposal for the current year 2013-14 has not been from West Bengal.