

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to expand the infrastructural development programme being implemented for the minority population in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) is the main infrastructural development programme being implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs for the development of minority concentration areas in the country. During 11th Five Year Plan, MsDP was implemented in 90 identified Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) in 20 States/UTs of the country. The MsDP has been restructured and expanded for implementation in 710 Minority Concentration Blocks (MCBs) and 66 Minority Concentration Towns falling in 196 Districts of 26 States/UTs during 12th Five Year Plan. Further, the programme would also cover the cluster of minority concentration villages outside the MCBs, but falling in backward districts.