

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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UNIVERSITIES FOR MINORITIES

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether universities for minorities exist in the country at present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of students who have passed out of such universities during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has announced some new universities for the minorities to encourage them to go in for higher education;
- (d) if so, the number of such new universities announced and sanctioned during the last three years and the current year, State/UT and location-wise;
- (e) whether the Union Government has received any proposals for setting up of universities for minorities including from Haryana at Mewat District; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon, State/ UT-wise ?

Answer

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

(a) As per information received from University Grant Commission (UGC), among the Central Universities, Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) which has been defined in its Act as "the educational institutions of their choice established by the Muslims of India" has been so recognized by the Central Government. Further, the National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) under the power vested in its NCMEI Act, 2004 (2 of 2005), has granted minority status to Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi. Both the matters are sub-judice.

(b) No such data is maintained by the Ministry of Minority Affairs. However, as per information received from UGC, from Jamia Millia Islamia University after implementation of the minority status, 3818 students during the year 2011-12 and 4185 students during the year 2012-13 have passed out.

(c) & (d) No, Madam. However, the Ministry of Minority Affairs is considering the possibilities to establish six Central Universities in Minority Concentration Areas to promote higher education among minorities in the country.

(e) & (f) Requests have been received from Mewat in Haryana, "Delhi Sikh Gurudwara Management Committee", and 'The Gujarat Sarvajanic Welfare Trust', Ahmedabad in this regard.