

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF MSDP
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up any Committee to make suggestions for effective implementation of the Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report;
- (c) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the Committee;
- (d) whether the Government has accepted these recommendations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) A Working Group on 'Empowerment of Minorities' was constituted by the Planning Commission for the formulation of 12th Five Year Plan. A Steering Committee on the Empowerment of Minorities of the Planning Commission was also constituted to give its recommendation on the formulation of 12th Five Year Plan. Both the committees made recommendations for effective implementation of Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP).
- (b) & (c) The Working Group and the Steering Committee has, inter-alia, recommended that the unit of planning should be changed to block instead of district, the programme should be expanded to cover minority concentration towns and cluster of minority concentration villages and delegation of power to the State Governments to finalize and sanction schemes under the programme.
- (d) & (e) Considering the recommendations of the Working Group and the Steering Committee, MsDP has been restructured. Block has been made the unit of planning in place of district, the programme has been expanded to minority concentration towns/cities and cluster of minority concentration villages and power to approve projects upto Rs. 10 crore has been delegated to the States/UTs. The restructured programme covers 710 Minority Concentration Blocks (MCBs) & 66 Minority Concentration Towns (MCTs) falling in 196 districts of the country.