

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

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EDUCATIONAL BACKWARDNESS OF MUSLIMS  
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**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has been able to alleviate the educational backwardness of Muslims in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the schemes for educational development of Muslims have been implemented in a half-hearted manner; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the efforts being made by the Government for the effective implementation of schemes for educational development of Muslims in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d) : For the educational Empowerment of students belonging to the notified Minority Communities including Muslim in the country, the Ministry of Minority Affairs implements three Scholarship Schemes and a Fellowship Scheme. The details of Scheme are annexed. To ensure effective implementation of these Schemes, activity timelines are drawn up and communicated to all stakeholders. Periodic reviews are undertaken with State Governments/ UT Administrations. Further, the Ministry of Minority Affairs finalizes its media plan in consultation with DAVP, AIR, DD, NFDC etc. at the beginning of each financial year. Multimedia campaigns are used to reach the target group.