

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY ABOUT STATUS OF MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the minorities are still facing development deficit even after the follow up action on the recommendations of the Sachar Committee;;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has a plan to make a survey about the status of minorities all over the country with regard to their education and employment opportunities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the issue livelihood opportunities for the minorities has been properly addressed in the 12th Five Year Plan proposals; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) As a follow-up action on the Sachar Committee recommendations, various schemes have been implemented to improve the socio-economic conditions of minorities. The overall effect of the steps taken by the Government for improving the conditions of minorities would be known once the data of census 2011 becomes available. As per the India Human Development Report of the Planning Commission, literacy rate among Muslims has registered a marked improvement from 52.1% in 1999-2000 to 63.5% in 2007-08 for rural areas and from 69.8% to 75.1% for urban areas. The literacy rate of Muslims as ratio of national average has gone up from 0.93 in 1999-2000 to 0.95 in 2007-08 for rural areas. The figure for urban areas has gone up from 0.87 in 1999-2000 to 0.89 in 2007-08. As per the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) Report on employment and unemployment situation among major religious groups in India (2009-10), it has been, inter alia, observed that unemployment rate for minority communities have declined in 2009-10 as compared to 2004-05 in both rural and urban areas. Among minorities, the unemployment rate in rural areas was lowest for Muslims. In urban areas unemployment rate was lowest for Christians followed by Muslims.

(c) & (d) The status of minorities with regard to education and employment opportunities is evaluated through the Census data and the Reports of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, which conducts all-India sample surveys in diverse socio-economic areas, including employment and education.

(e) & (f) Educational empowerment, skill development, area development and economic empowerment, which impact the livelihood opportunities for the minorities, have been adequately addressed in the 12th Five Year Plan (FYP). Plan allocation for the Ministry of Minority Affairs has been increased from Rs.7000 crore during 11th FYP to Rs.17,323 crore during the 12th FYP.