

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PM S NEW POINT PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister's New 15-Point Programme has been implemented in toto in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the present status of the said programme in the country;
- (d) whether the said programme earmarks 15 per cent of the schemes for minorities;
- (e) if so, the details thereof particularly in West Bengal;
- (f) whether any strategy to achieve the targeted goal has been drawn in West Bengal in this regard; and (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (e) Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities is an overarching programme, which covers various schemes / initiatives of different Ministries / Departments by either earmarking 15% of targets/outlays for the minorities or specific monitoring of flow of benefits / funds to minorities or areas with substantial minority population. The programme is being implemented with the objectives of enhancing opportunities for education of minorities, ensuring equitable share for minorities in economic activities and employment, improving the condition of living of minorities and preventing and controlling the communal disharmony. The programme provides for a structured monitoring system at the Centre, State and District Levels. The performance of programme/ Schemes under Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme during 2012-13 is at Annexure-I. The performance of schemes in the State of West Bengal under PM's New 15 Point Programme during 2012-13 are at Annexure-II.

(f) & (g) There is no separate strategy for implementation of programmes/ schemes under Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme in different States, including West Bengal. The schemes are implemented by concerned Ministries/ Departments as per the guidelines for implementation of individual schemes/ programmes.