

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether education is the main cause of the backwardness of Muslims;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with steps being taken by the Government to improve the educational backwardness of Muslims;
- (c) whether there is any body/mechanism to monitor the various schemes and programmes of the Government for the upliftment of the minorities, especially Muslims;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (e) : For the educational empowerment of the students belonging to the six notified minority communities viz. Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Parsis, the Ministry of Minority Affairs implements three scholarship schemes viz. Pre-matric Scholarship, Post-matric Scholarship, Merit-cum-means based Scholarship Schemes. 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.