

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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STANDARD OF LIVING OF MUSLIMS
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the recent NSSO report, Muslims have the lowest living standard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of welfare schemes being run by Government for their educational and economic development along with the details of funds allocated, released and utilised during the last three years, scheme-wise;
- (d) whether physical targets of these schemes have been achieved; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, scheme-wise?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): The NSS 66th Round of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) Report on 'Employment and Unemployment Situation among Major Religious Groups in India', published in June, 2013, inter alia, observes as under:

- (i) In 2009-10, the average monthly per capita consumer expenditure (MPCE) for Muslims was Rs.980/- as compared to all India average MPCE of Rs.1,128/-.
- (ii) Among Muslims of age 15 years and above, the literacy rates for rural males, rural females, urban males and urban females were 69%, 47%, 81% and 65% respectively.
- (iii) In urban areas, proportion of workers engaged in self employment was the highest for Muslims. Regular employment among Muslims was lowest both in urban areas and rural areas amongst major religious groups.
- (iv) Unemployment rate for Muslims have declined in 2009-10 as compared to 2004-05 in both rural and urban areas.

The State-wise details of NSS 66th Round Report are available as a link on the website of Ministry of Minority Affairs www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

(c) to (e): The scheme-wise details of welfare schemes being implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs for educational and economic development of minorities including Muslims, along with the details of funds allocated, released and physical targets set and achieved during the last three years are at Annexure.