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LOK SABHA**

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SELECTION OF DISTRICTS FOR MSDP
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether no district from various States including the State of Tamil Nadu is included in the total of 196 districts selected for implementation of Multi- sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) in the 12th Five Year Plan across the country;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits of the said programme are distributed equally among all the States?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Multi-sector Development Programme (MsDP) is being implemented in 710 identified Minority Concentration Blocks (MCBs) and 66 Minority Concentration Town (MCTs) falling in 196 districts of 27 States/UT Administrations of the country. Among the backward districts of the States/UTs all over the country, the blocks with a minimum of 25 % minority population as per Census 2001 have been identified as MCBs. In the case of 6 States/UTs, namely, Lakshadweep, Punjab, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Jammu & Kashmir, where a minority community is in majority, a lower cut off of 15% of minority population, other than that of the minority community in majority in that State/UT, has been adopted. Further, towns/cities with a minimum of 25% minority population and in 6 States/UTs namely Lakshadweep, Punjab, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Jammu & Kashmir, 15% of minority population, other than that of the minority community in majority, having both socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below national average, have been identified as MCTs for implementation of the programme.

As per the parameters adopted for identification, none of the Blocks/Towns in the States of Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Goa, and the Union Territories namely, Lakshadweep, Chandigarh, Puducherry, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar Haveli qualified for implementation of MsDP. The need based project proposals submitted by the States/UTs are considered by the Ministry.