

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS UNDER MSDP
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any funds have been allocated under Multi Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP) for minority dominated development blocks in the country and if so, the details thereof and the timeframe for its release; State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether any funds were allocated to Barpeta and Bongaigaon regions of Assam during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the schemes/works implemented in these regions during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (Dr. NAJMA A. HEPTULLA)

- (a) Yes, Madam. 710 Minority Concentration Blocks (MCBs) and 66 Minority Concentration Towns (MCTs) have been identified for implementation under Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) with effect from 2013-14 during 12th Five Year Plan. The State/UT-wise tentative allocation for MCBs and MCTs under MsDP for 12th Plan is given at Annexure. The release of allocated amount depends on submission of eligible project proposals as per the guidelines and utilization of funds released for the projects by the States/UTs.
- (b) Funds have been allocated to Barpeta and Bongaigaon Districts of Assam for whole Five Year Plan period. During 11th Five Year Plan, the allocation of Barpeta and Bongaigaon was Rs. 73.00 crore and Rs. 35.48 crore respectively. For 12th Five Year Plan period, allocation of Rs. 54.95 crore and Rs. 21.48 crore has been tentatively made to the districts of Barpeta and Bongaigaon respectively.
- (c) During last three years and the current year, projects related to construction of ITI, girls' hostel, additional classrooms, science lab, computer lab, library, toilet block, art/craft/culture room and girls activity room have been approved for the these two districts. These projects are being implemented by the State Government.