

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 589  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019**

**UNIVERSITIES FOR MINORITIES**

**589. DR. J. JAYAVARDHAN:  
SHRI DHANANJAY MAHADIK:  
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
SHRI MOHITE PATIL VIJAYSINH SHANKARRAO:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether universities for minorities exist in the country at present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the total number of students who have passed out of such universities during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has announced some new universities for the minorities to encourage them to go in for higher education;
- (d) if so, the number of such new universities announced and sanctioned during the last three years and the current year, State/UT and location-wise;
- (e) whether the Union Government has received any proposals for setting up of universities for minorities from different States of the country including from Haryana at Mewat district; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon, State/UT-wise?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) to (f): With reference to universities for the six centrally notified Minority communities namely Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain and Parsi, the information is being collected from the nodal Ministry that is the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MoHRD) and will be laid on the Table of the House.

At present, there is no proposal in the Ministry of Minority Affairs to set up any university for Minorities. However, the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), a society working under the aegis of Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India, in its 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 29.12.2016, constituted an 11 member Committee to go into the modalities for establishment of institutions in different parts of the country with a view to facilitate educational development of the Minorities.

The said committee has submitted its report on 06.07.2017 to the MAEF. The Committee in its report has recommended for a three tier model of educational institutions for minorities having:

- 211 Central Schools at the bottom;
- 25 Community Colleges at the middle; and
- 5 National Institutes at the top level.

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