

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
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Promotion of Education among Minorities

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ongoing projects for promotion of education the Minorities have been strengthened;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has announced for setting up some new Universities to encourage minorities for higher education; and
- (d) if so, the number and the States where such universities are to be set up?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAMESH POKHRIYAL 'NISHANK')

(a) to (b) : The Ministry of Human Resource Development has taken several significant initiatives in the following areas for promotion of education of minorities:-

- i) **National Monitoring Committee on Minorities' Education (NMCME)** for Vocational Education and Skill Development of Minorities, Implementation of Schemes, Mapping of Educational requirements of minorities, Girls' Education and Promotion of Urdu Language.
- ii) **Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madrasas** The Policy lays special emphasis on removal of disparities and equalizing educational opportunities.
- iii) **Scheme for Infrastructure Development Private Aided/Unaided Minority Institutes (IDMI)** facilitates education of minorities by augmenting and strengthening school infrastructure

in Minority Institutions (elementary/ secondary/senior secondary schools) in order to expand facilities for formal education to children of minority communities. The scheme will inter alia encourage educational facilities for girls, children with special needs and those who are most deprived educationally amongst minorities.

(c) to (d) : The setting up of institutions of higher education is an ongoing process. A number of higher education institutions including Central Universities, IITs and IISERs have already been established. Following the 12th Plan (2012-17), as approved by the National Development Council, the thrust is on consolidation of higher education system. Expansion is to be done mainly by scaling up capacity of the existing institutions in place of setting up new institutions. Further, 'Education' being a concurrent subject, the State Governments are also taking various initiatives.
