

**Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (c) of the Rajya Sabha Starred Question
No. 151 to be answered on 16.12.2013**

(a) Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) is being implemented since 2008-09 in the minority concentration areas identified on the basis of substantial minority population and backwardness parameters, to address the development deficits by creating socio-economic infrastructure and providing basic amenities.

(b) As per the guidelines of the restructured MsDP for the implementation of the programme during 12th Five Year Plan and effective from 2013-14, towns/cities with a minimum of 25% minority population (in case of 6 States/UTs where a minority community is in majority, 15% of minority population, other than that of the minority community in majority in that State/UT) having both socio-economic and basic amenities parameters below national average, have been identified as Minority Concentration Towns/Cities for the implementation of the programme. 66 Minority Concentration Towns/Cities falling outside the area covered during the 11th Five Year Plan, have been identified for the implementation of the restructured MsDP during 12th Plan.

(c) The programme was implemented in 4 Minority Concentration Districts (MCDs) in Maharashtra during 11th Five Year Plan and it was continued in these districts during 2012-13 also. Project proposals with Central Share of Rs. 81.64 crore have been approved in these districts and Rs. 67.57 crore has been released during the period. Details of district-wise financial assistance are given below:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the District	During 11 th Plan		2012-13		Total	
		Projects Approved	Funds Released	Projects Approved	Funds Released	Projects Approved	Funds Released
1	BULDHANA	1498.50	1498.50	--	--	1498.50	1498.50
2	WASHIM	1495.25	1329.25	930.00	465.00	2425.25	1794.25
3	HINGOLI	1489.70	1489.70	310.00	155.00	1799.70	1644.70
4	PARBHANI	1489.98	1333.74	930.00	465.00	2419.98	1798.74
	IT cell	20.50	20.50	--	--	20.50	20.50
	Total	5993.93	5671.69	2170.00	1085.00	8163.93	6756.69

Eight Minority Concentration Blocks (MCBs) and 6 Minority Concentration Towns(MCTs) have been identified in Maharashtra for implementation of restructured MsDP during the 12th Five Year Plan. Proposals for these blocks/towns are still awaited from the State Government.
