

**GOVERNEMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

RAJYA SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3657
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.03.2018**

CONVERSION OF MADRASAS TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

3657. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Prime Minister has received any proposal wherein it has been suggested that all Madrasas be converted to public schools with Islamic educations as an optional subject;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has accepted/ proposes to accept the said proposal/ suggestion;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by Government to provide infrastructural facilities in Madrasas across the country?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): The Prime Minister's Office has informed that it has not received any Government proposal in respect of conversion of Madarsas into public schools with Islamic educations as an optional subject.

(e): The Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Human Resource Development, has informed that it is implementing an Umbrella Scheme for Providing Education to Madarsas/Minorities (SPEMM), which comprises of two schemes namely, Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM) and Infrastructure Development in Minority Institutions.

Under SPQEM, financial assistance is provided to Madarsas that introduce modern subjects, viz. Science, Mathematics, Social Studies, Hindi and English. Social academic proficiency for Classes I-XII is attainable for children studying in these institutions. Financial assistance is provided for Science/Mathematics kits, setting up of Book Bank, Science/Computer laboratory, etc. The SPEMM scheme is completely voluntary/demand driven in nature.
