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Reservation to Pasmanda Muslims in Jobs

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Pasmanda Muslims are the poorest among sections within the Muslim community;
- (b) what are the steps that have been taken in the last four years so that this section of poor Muslims do not lag behind as far as education and jobs are concerned; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan to give reservation to Pasmanda Muslims in jobs and other Government facilities?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) and (b) The Government implements various schemes for the welfare and upliftment of every section of the society, including minorities, which also includes Muslims, through various schemes of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Rural Development etc.

In addition, Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) has adopted a multi-pronged strategy by way of implementation of various schemes for educational and economic empowerment of the under privileged sections of the notified minority communities. The welfare schemes implemented by MoMA are targeted towards the poorest of the poor.

(c) All persons belonging to Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) category, including from minority communities, can avail the benefit of 10% reservation in employment and admission in educational institutions.
