

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.719  
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**Economical and Educational disparity among various castes/sections of Minorities**

719. DR SUDHANSHU TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of Minority Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any data about economical and educational disparity among various Castes/Sections of Minorities; and

(b) what are the welfare measures being initiated so that the economic condition of the people belonging to this section of society can be improved?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) & (b): The Government has notified six (6) minority communities, namely Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Sikhs, Parsis and Jains. The Government has data on these 6 notified minority communities from Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner of India (RGI), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Ministry of Education (MoE) and other administrative sources.

The Government of India undertakes various measures for the welfare and upliftment of every stratum, including minorities, specially the economically weaker and lesser privileged sections of the society, through various schemes of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Ministry of Textiles, Ministry of Culture, Ministry of Women and Child Development and Ministry of Rural Development, etc.

The Ministry of Minority Affairs specifically implements various schemes including scholarship schemes for educational empowerment, skilling schemes for employment and economic empowerment, provision for community infrastructure, etc. across the country for socio-economic and educational empowerment of the notified minority communities.

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