

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1247**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2025

**LITERACY RATE AMONG MUSLIMS**

1247. SHRI ANIL KUMAR YADAV MANDADI:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that literacy rate among Muslims in the country is below the national average, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has taken any steps to adopt multi-pronged strategy to address the problem; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a):As per Census 2001, the literacy rate among Muslims aged 7 years and above was 59.1% while all-India literacy rate for the same age-group was 64.8%. As per Census 2011, the literacy rate among Muslims aged 7 years and above was 68.5% as compared to all-India literacy rate of 73.0%. Thus, the literacy rate among Muslims has increased by 9.4 percentage points in Census 2011 as compared to Census 2001. As per Annual Report, Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS), 2023-24, the literacy rate among Muslims was 79.5% for persons aged 7years & above, while literacy rate for all religions for the same age group was 80.9%.

(b) to (c): Ministry of Minority Affairs is mandated for formulation of policies, schemes and programmes for welfare and socio-economic development of six notified minority communities namely, Buddhists, Christians, Jains, Muslims, Parsis and Sikhs. The Ministry has adopted a multi-pronged strategy for development of minority communities with special focus on educational empowerment, infrastructure development, economic empowerment, fulfilling special needs, and strengthening of minority institutions.

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