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STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW 15 POINT PROGRAMME

2837 #. SHRI PRADIP KUMAR VARMA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the components of the new 15-point programme being actively implemented in the State of Jharkhand;
- (b) the role of the said programme in the economic, educational and social empowerment of minorities;
- (c) whether this programme has been evaluated by any independent agency; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (d): The Prime Minister's new 15-point programme for welfare of minorities is implemented in the country, including the State of Jharkhand, as an overarching programme. The programme covers various schemes/initiatives of the Government implemented by various ministries/departments with an aim to ensure that under privileged and weaker sections of six centrally notified minority communities, viz. Muslim, Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Parsi and Sikh, have equal opportunities for availing various Government welfare schemes, including schemes for their economic, educational and social empowerment.

Impact evaluation of PM's new 15-point programme was last conducted by the Ministry through the Centre for Market Research and Social Development in 2016. However, the Government of India has now introduced various monitoring mechanism/agencies such as Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office (DMEO) of NITI Aayog for monitoring various schemes/programs. DMEO has been mandated to actively monitor and evaluate the implementation of schemes, programmes and initiatives of the Government of India (GoI) to strengthen their implementation and scope of delivery of services.

Further, participating Ministries/Departments have inbuilt monitoring mechanism in their respective schemes and they are regularly monitoring the progress of their respective schemes.

The schemes are being implemented by the respective ministries/departments under the saturation approach of the Government. Under the saturation approach of the Government many of the components have achieved mainstreaming.
