

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4533
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2016**

Hostel Facilities to Poor Students

4533. SHRI JHINA HIKAKA:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to introduce any scheme to provide hostel facilities for poor students of minority communities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there is any proposal with the Government to extend reservation to Minority Communities to address the problem of poverty in those communities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF
MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a) & (b) There is no proposal to introduce the new scheme to provide hostel facilities to poor minority students because the Ministry of Minority Affairs is already implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme namely Multi-sectoral Development Programme(MsDP) in identified 710 Minority Concentration Blocks, 66 Minority Concentration Towns and 13 Cluster of Villages across the country with an aim to provide socio-economic infrastructure and basic amenities for uplifting the quality of life of minorities. Creation of infrastructure for educational purpose including hostels for students is a priority programme under MsDP.

(c) & (d). The matter regarding reservation to Minority Communities is presently sub judice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
