

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1420  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

**DECLINE IN BUDGET ALLOCATION**

**1420. SHRIMATI ANJU BALA:  
SHRI TEJ PRATAP SINGH YADAV:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether budget allocations for minority welfare have consistently declined during the last three years and if so, the facts thereof;
- (b) whether about 70% of the minority communities are excluded in Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) because the MsDP makes inclusion in the Below Poverty Line list a prerequisite for availing of any benefits/services, resulting into these funds getting either diverted to non-minority beneficiaries or remaining unutilized;
- (c) if so, whether Government has also failed to achieve quantifiable target for centrally sponsored schemes under the Prime Minister's 15 point programme; and
- (d) if so, the corrective steps taken in this regard?

**ANSWER  
MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a): No Madam, the Budget allocation of Ministry of Minority Affairs for the last three financial years and the current financial year 2017-18 is as under:-

Financial Year	Budget Allocation
2014-15	Rs.3734.01 crore
2015-16	Rs.3738.11 crore
2016-17	Rs.3827.25 crore
2017-18	Rs.4195.48 crore

(b): Multi-sectoral Development Programme is an area development initiative to fill the gaps of the existing schemes by providing additional resources and to take non-gap filling projects for the welfare of minorities. The projects under the scheme are sanctioned in only those areas which are identified by the Ministry on the basis of population (minimum 25% of minority communities) and backwardness parameters. The details regarding the criteria adopted by Ministry for identification of the area unit of implementation and the area so far covered is available on the official website of the Ministry i.e. <http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in/schemesperformance/multi-sectoral-development-programme>.

(c) & (d): The different schemes under PM's New 15-PP are monitored at different levels of the Government to ensure their effective implementation. As the nodal Ministry, Ministry of Minority Affairs reviews the schemes/programme on quarterly basis with the nodal officers of the concerned Ministries/Departments. The details of schemes included under PM's New 15-PP and achievements thereto, are available on the website of the Ministry at [www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in).

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