

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1472
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE DROPOUTS AMONG MINORITIES

1472. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of school and college dropout rates of minorities in the past two years;
- (b) the measures or schemes the Government has in place to combat dropouts of minorities and their extent of effectiveness; and
- (c) the record of dropout rates of minorities maintained in schools and colleges, both public and private?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As per information received from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the annual average dropout rates of Muslims at secondary and higher secondary levels in respect of all Government, aided and private schools, at secondary and higher secondary levels for the years 2013-14 and 2014-15, are as under:

	2013-14 (Figures in percent)			2014-15 (Figures in percent)		
	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls	Total
Secondary Level	24.06	23.27	23.66	24.71	23.58	24.12
Higher Secondary Level	6.40	4.00	5.19	8.55	6.29	7.40

Note: Dropout data is not available in respect of other five minority communities

The Government has undertaken various measures / initiatives to promote enhancement of education of minorities and to discourage school dropouts namely, creation of adequate educational infrastructure such as, primary schools, upper primary schools, additional classrooms, senior secondary schools, model degree colleges, etc. in the areas of minority concentration, Mid-day Meal scheme, etc. Besides, several scholarships including Begum Hazrat Mahal scholarships for meritorious girls by Maulana Azad Education Foundation and other educational empowerment schemes are being implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.