

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2730  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.01.2018**

**Socio-Economic Survey**

**†2730. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted/proposes to conduct any Socio-economic survey/assessment with regard to the minorities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of such assessments made during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government had held talks with various stakeholders during the assessment of the schemes formulated for them;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) other steps being taken by the Government to improve the standards of living of minorities in the country?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. However, in respect of Muslims, a study was conducted earlier by a high level committee (popularly known as Sachar Committee). The findings are available on the website of the Ministry of Minority Affairs at, "[www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in)".

(c) to (e): The Government interacts with concerned stakeholders while reviewing schemes meant for the welfare of minorities. This is a continuous process. To improve the standards of living of minorities in the country, the Government is implementing a number of schemes / programmes. Details of the schemes / programmes / initiatives of the Ministry of Minority Affairs and those covered under the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme (PM's New 15-PP) for the welfare of minorities as well as follow-up action taken by the Government on the recommendations of Sachar Committee that are envisaged to improve the standard of living of minorities in the country, are available on the website of Ministry of Minority Affairs at, "[www.minorityaffairs.gov.in](http://www.minorityaffairs.gov.in)".

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