

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO.*280
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.03.2018**

SETTING UP OF WORLD CLASS INSTITUTIONS

***280. SHRIMATI SANTOSH AHLAWAT:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether recently a seven member committee has been constituted by the Centre for drawing up a blueprint to set up five world class institutions in different parts of the country to provide a mix of academic, technical and skill based education with a focus on minority communities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal for opening one such institution in Rajasthan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement as referred to in reply to parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.*280 asked by Shrimati Santosh Ahlawat regarding Setting Up of World Class Institutions.

(a): The Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of India, in its 52nd meeting held on 29.12.2016, constituted an 11 member Committee to go into the modalities for establishment of institutions in different parts of the country with a view to facilitate educational development of the minorities.

(b): This Committee recognized the fact that school education is the most important phase for the deprived children of minority communities and there is an urgent need to ensure that these children have access to quality primary, secondary and higher secondary education. The Committee also noted the fact that the majority of these minority children drop out or fail to clear the matriculation examination or have been unable to continue with further studies. These children, thus, needed to be appropriately brought back into the education system through the institution of community colleges.

The said committee has submitted its report on 06.07.2017 to the MAEF. The Committee in its report has recommended for a three tier model of educational institutions for minorities having:

- 211 Central Schools at the bottom;
- 25 Community Colleges at the middle; and
- 5 National Institutes at the top level.

(c) & (d): The MAEF has requested the Government of Rajasthan for allotment of land for establishment of a National Institute.
