

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5310
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.3.2018**

SETTING UP OF CENTRAL SCHOOLS FOR MINORITIES

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to lack of affordable and quality school education for children of minority communities especially of Muslims a panel has been set up by his Ministry which has recommended setting up of 211 Central Schools on the lines of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas in the minority concentrated districts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and other recommendations made by the panel;
- (c) whether the Government has accepted the recommendations of the Committee; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. In the last several decades education of minorities especially Muslim girls had not been a priority area. This educational backwardness was more prominent in northern part of the country. In the last three years, the government has focused on educational empowerment of minorities and as a result, about 2.45 Crore scholarships under various schemes have been disbursed to minorities in which girls, on average, comprise of 50%. Further, several educational infrastructural assets under Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) have been sanctioned in the last 3 years in the minority concentrated areas including 767 schools, 493 hostels, 60 gurukul type residential schools, 10 Degree colleges, 16 Polytechnic, 94 ITIs, and 13,985 additional Classroom. As per 'All India Survey on Higher Education, 2015-16' of the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the enrolment of minority women has improved to 11,21,066 in higher education during 2015-16.

The Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF), a Society working under the aegis of Ministry of Minority Affairs, 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 empowerment of the minorities. The Committee, in its Report, submitted on 06.07.2017 to the General Body of MAEF, 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
- 05 National Institutes at the top level.

(c) & (d): The General Body of MAEF has adopted the report and initial steps such as contacting the concerned authorities/organizations have been taken by MAEF.
