

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 807
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2018**

SETTING UP OF UNIVERSITY FOR CHRISTIANS

807. ADV. JOICE GEORGE:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to set up fully Government funded universities for the educational empowerment of Christians on the lines of the Aligarh Muslim University and Jamia Millia Islamia University;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any such recommendation from any of the bodies/commissions/NGOs, etc. and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether as per 2011 census the educational level (age seven and above) of christians and other minorities are comparatively fair and good; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No, Madam.

(d) & (e): As per Census 2011 figures, the literacy rate of Christian is 84.5% which is comparatively better than the all India literacy rate of 73.0%. The literacy rates of other notified minorities, as per Census 2011, are – Muslim - 68.5%, Sikh - 75.4%, Buddhist - 81.3%, Jain - 94.9%.
