

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 46
ANSWERED ON 20.07.2023

MUSLIM POPULATION

46. SHRIMATI MALA ROY:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any data on Muslim population as on 30.05.2023 in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether there is any population data of Pasmanda Muslim with the Government and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of socio-economic status of Pasmanda Muslim in the country as on 31.05.2023?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) As per Census 2011, Muslim population is 17.22 crore which constitutes 14.2% of the total population of the country. As per the report of the Technical Group on Population Projections, July 2020, National Commission on Population, country's projected population in 2023 stands at 138.82 crore. Accordingly, applying the same proportion of 14.2%, as was there in Census 2011, projected population of Muslims in 2023 would stand at 19.75 crore.

As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2021-22 conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Literacy Rate of Muslims aged 7 years and above stands at 77.7% and the Labour Force Participation Rate for all ages as per usual status stands at 35.1%.

Further, as per Multiple Indicator Survey 2020-21 conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation to collect data on select Sustainable Development Goals indicators, percentage of Muslim persons reported to have improved source of drinking water stands at 94.9% and percentage of Muslim persons reported to have access to improved Toilet stands at 97.2%. Further, percentage of Muslim households which have purchased/constructed new house/flat for the first time after 31st March 2014 stands at 50.2%.
