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Decline of enrolment of Muslim Students in Universities of UP

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION

be pleased to state:

(a) whether the All India Survey on Higher Education has revealed that a decline of 8 percent has been registered in the enrolment of Muslim students for higher education and maximum decline of 36 percent has been registered in such enrolments in Uttar Pradesh with a 20 percent Muslim population;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to stop such decline in the above mentioned enrolments?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

(DR. SUBHAS SARKAR)

(a) to (c) As per latest AISHE 2020-21, Enrolment of Muslim students has declined by 8% in 2020-21 as compared to 2019-20 and enrolment of Muslim students has declined by 16% in Uttar Pradesh. However, the enrolment of Muslim students has increased significantly from 17,39,218 (as per AISHE 2016-17) to 19,21,713 (as per AISHE 2020-21), an increase of 1,82,495 (10.5%) across country. Notable feature is that Female Muslim Students have outnumbered Male Muslim students.

Government is encouraging Minority students through Scholarships/Fellowships Schemes of Ministry of Minority Affairs. Ministry of Minority Affairs implements Pre-Matric, Post-Matric and Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Schemes for educational empowerment of the students belonging to 6 notified Minority communities, namely, Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Sikh and Zoroastrian (Parsi). The objective of the Schemes is to uplift the socio-economic conditions of the minority communities, increase their rate of attainment in higher education and enhance their employability and to enable the poor and meritorious students to pursue Professional and Technical courses. These schemes have been instrumental in ameliorating the enrolment of minority students in educational institutes.

The National Education Policy 2020 is also emphasizing on Equitable and Inclusive Education by focusing on Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Groups (SEDGs) which includes students from minorities communities also.
