GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED OUESTION NO. 1533

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SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE MINORITIES IN NORTH-EAST REGION

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has conducted any detailed study of socio-economic status of the minorities in the North-east region and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of fund allocated during the last five years to the North-east region for upliftment of religious minorities, State-wise; and
- (c) the details of the religious minorities in North-east region, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India has allocated a fund of Rs. 1752.02 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakaram (PMJVK), Rs. 177.28 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) and Rs. 827.03 crore under the Scholarship schemes, to the North-east region during last five years. In addition, M/o DoNER has a 30% Focus Development Component (FDC) of the total outlay of Schemes of North Eastern Council including religious minorities, which is allocated for focussed development of deprived areas, deprived/neglected sections in the North Eastern States. An amount of Rs. 842.87 crore have been sanctioned across North Eastern Region under the said component for the period from 2020-21 to 2023-24.
- (c) The term "Minority" is not identified in the Population Census, however, as per Census 2011, the State/UTs wise data on religions professed by the people of India is published on the website of Census India, which is available at https://censusindia.gov.in.
