

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 559
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27-04-2016**

National Commission for Minorities

559. SHRIMATI KAVITHA KALVAKUNTLA

Will the Minister of **MINORITY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

- a) whether the National Commission for Minorities conducts studies, research and analysis on the issues relating to socio-economic and educational development of minorities;
- b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims/objectives of the commission;
- c) the details of the studies conducted since the inception of the Sixth Commission;
- d) whether the commission has submitted any report to the Government on any matter pertaining to minorities and in particular the difficulties confronted by them: and
- e) if so, the details thereof and response of the Government thereon?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a) Yes, Madam, National Commission for minorities conducts studies, research and analysis on the issues relating to socio-economic and educational development of minorities.
- (b)&(c) The National Commission for Minorities (NCM) has intimated that the following studies were conducted since the inception of Sixth Commission :
 - (i) Study on Socio-Economic Status of the notified Minority Communities other than Muslims.
 - (ii) Dalits in the Muslim and Christian Communities - A Status Report on Current Social Scientific Knowledge.
 - (iii) Study on social, economic, educational, cultural, traditional and occupational status of Sikligar, Lubana and Banjara Sikhs (Study-1).
 - (iv) Study on socio economic and educational status of the Parsi Community in India.
 - (v) Study on Bhoti Language.
 - (vi) Effects of recent recession as well as liberalization of Indian Economy on the workforce engaged in small, cottage and handicrafts work, particularly on Muslim minority of India and identification of areas of these effects as well as remedies thereof.
 - (vii) Compilation of important legal texts and case laws on minority rights.
 - (viii) Socio-economic condition of Dakhini Sikhs in particular and minority Sikh Communities settled in South and North East India(Study-II).

- (ix) Ethnic contestation and an inclusive State: Examining the position of the Bru tribe in Mizoram today – study awarded.
 - (x) The potential for Education in Muslim Orphanages (YateemKhanas) in areas of Moradabad (Brass Industry), Mirzapur, Varanasi and Bhadohi (Carpet Industry), Aligarh (Lock Industry), Firozabad (Glass Industry) and Khurja (Potteries Industry) – study awarded.
- (d)&(e) The Commission prepress every year an Annual Report and the same is laid on the Table of both Houses of the Parliament along with Action Taken Memorandum on the recommendations contained in the Annual Report by the Ministries and Departments of the Central Government
