

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON

INITIATIVES FOR WELFARE OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES .

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Will the Minister of COALCOALMINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) the new initiatives of Government for the welfare of minority communities;
- (b) whether any targets have been fixed in that direction;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken to achieve those targets?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SALMAN KHURSHID)

(a) to (d) The Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities was launched in June, 2006 incorporating programme specific interventions. The new programme envisages location of a certain proportion of development projects in minority concentration areas. It also provides that, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes should be earmarked for minorities. Targets fixed for schemes included in the programme considered amenable to earmarking and the achievements made during 2008-09 are available in the website of the Ministry on www.minorityaffairs.gov.in. The programme provides for a close monitoring mechanism and the status of implementation has been reviewed regularly.