

(a) the monetary value of advertisements released to newspapers of various languages by the Ministry and its subordinate organisations during 2009-10; and

(b) the monetary value of advertisements out of them released to English, Hindi, Urdu and other vernacular newspapers, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) The total monetary value of advertisements released to newspapers of various languages by the Ministry and its subordinate organizations during 2009-10 was Rs.3,51,60,944/-

(b) Out of these, the total monetary value of advertisements released to the newspapers in various languages is given below:-

English - Rs.76,26,818/-

Hindi - Rs. 1,32,29,375/-

Urdu - Rs. 54,90,300/-

Other languages - Rs.88,14,451/-

Socio-economic conditions of Muslims

2361. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after the findings of the Sachar Committee and the Ranganath Mishra Commission, now the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) has reconfirmed the deplorable socio-economic conditions of the Muslims in our country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that according to NSSO, for 100 Muslims in the education system just 10 are enrolled in high school and similar ratios for SCs and STs and OBCs are 11, 12 and 14 respectively;

(d) whether this is because the education in urban areas is highly inaccessible to the poor Muslims;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to integrate and uplift these minorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) to (e) The Sachar Committee had used, inter-alia, data of 55th Round (1999-2000) and 61st Round (2004-05) of National Sample Survey (NSS). The Ranganath Mishra Commission had used, inter-alia, data of 55th Round (1999-2000) and 2001 Census. Report of 64th Round (2007-08) of NSS indicates that Muslims enrolled at secondary level of education from among those in education system is 10.2% which is higher than 9.8% for Scheduled Tribes (ST). The enrollment at secondary level of education for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) is 11.3% and 12.5% respectively. Muslims currently attending educational institutions at secondary level are 5.0% in urban area and this is higher than 4.5% for Muslims in rural area.

(f) Government has taken a number of steps for the welfare of minorities and these include, the Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities which was announced in June, 2006. It promotes inclusive development by ensuring that a certain proportion of development projects are located in minority concentration areas and, wherever possible, 15% of targets and outlays under various schemes included in the programme are earmarked for minorities. It also provides for programme specific interventions for the welfare of minorities through introduction of new schemes. Three scholarship schemes are implemented and 37.14 lakh scholarships have been awarded to the students belonging to minority communities since 2007-08. A special area development programme called Multi-sectoral Development Programme is implemented in 90 minority concentration districts. Under this programme 6749 additional class rooms and 559 school buildings have been approved for these districts. The Government has taken several decisions on the follow-up action on the recommendations of the Sachar Committee and these include several initiatives for improving the conditions of minorities including Muslims.

Manpower to implement 15 point programme

‡2362. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.