

Self employment to minorities

†1961. SHRI BRIJLAL KHABRI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that many agencies are lagging far behind the fixed target regarding providing self-employment to minorities due to administrative apathy;
- (b) the target of providing self-employment during the last three years and their present status;
- (c) the reasons for lagging behind in achieving the target; and
- (d) the details of such minority beneficiaries who were able to get self-employment during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) has exceeded the targets for extending loan to the beneficiaries during 2007-08 and 2009-10.

(b) The target of providing self-employment during the last three years and achievements are as given below:-

Year	Target for assisting number of beneficiaries	Achievements
2007-08	45,700	47,733
2008-09	60,000	51,198
2009-10	66,000	1,04,594

(c) During the year 2008-09, the targets could not be met due to announcement of elections towards the end of the financial year, imposing model code of conduct for elections prohibiting further disbursements.

(d) The names and other details of beneficiaries contained in the lists of beneficiaries is a voluminous data available in the States with the State Channelising Agencies (SCAs) of NMDFC. This data is also available on the website of NMDFC viz. www.nmdfc.org.

Scholarship for minority students for higher education

1962. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Government funded scholarships for minority students to pursue higher education *i.e.* colleges, universities, vocational trainings, etc. State-wise and the details thereof;

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