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RAJYA SABHA

Benefit Package (STBP), mine rehabilitation and employment of BGML employees.

(c) No decision has been taken in this regard.

**Reaching of SSA to Minorities**

†\*537. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:  
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the benefit of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan has not reached the madaras which have been set up in the country for the basic education of the Muslim population;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the schemes formulated by Government to improve the educational status of the Muslims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Approximately 10,700 Madaras/Maqtabas have been supported for introduction of the formal State elementary education curriculum, under SSA.

At the elementary level, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya scheme and the Area Intensive and Madarsa Modernization Programme promote education of muslim children.

**Allocation of Power to Punjab**

\*538. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:  
SHRI DHARAMPAL SABHARWAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has assured that Punjab would be

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.