

(c) The district-wise details of fresh surveys conducted by GSI are as follows :

Mineral	District
Silica (Glass) sand	Nagaon District during field season programme 2008-09 and 2009-10
Coal	Dhubri, Kamrup, Darang, Nagaon, Goalpara and Kokrajhar Districts in field season programme 2010-12

Further, the details of the surveys conducted by the State Directorate of Geology and Mining, Government of Assam, are as follows :

Mineral	District
Coal	Karbi, Anglong, Dima and Hasao
Limestone	Dima, Hasao
China Clay	Karbi, Anglong
Iron ore	Dhubri, Goalpara
Sillimanite	Karbi, Anglong
Glass Sand	Nagaon
Granite	Goalpara, Kamrup, Karbi Anglong

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

#### **Reservation in educational institutions**

2875. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to provide reservation to Muslims in educational institutions and employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is yet to decide about the percentage of reservation to be extended to Muslims; and

(d) if so, whether any discussions have been held in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT PALA):  
(a) to (d) As regards reservation for minorities including Muslims, the National Commission for

Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) has given two alternative recommendations. It has recommended 15 percentage reservation for Minorities of which 10% will be for Muslims. As an alternative, the Commission has recommended that out of the 27% OBC quota, 8.4% sub quota be marked for minorities of which 6% could be for Muslims. This recommendation is currently in the domain of inter-ministerial consultation.

**Poverty, literacy and employment of Muslims**

2876. SHRI M. V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details relating to poverty, literacy and employment of Muslims in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) whether the Sachar Committee Report has raised concerns relating to development deficits and socio-economic conditions of Muslims across the States;

(c) the details of schemes and programmes being implemented by the Ministry to improve the condition of Muslims in the areas of poverty, literacy and employment; and

(d) the status of implementation of each of the recommendations of the Sachar Committee, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT PALA):

(a) State-wise surveys are not conducted every year regarding poverty, literacy and employment of Muslims in the country.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Following schemes and programmes are implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs to improve the condition of minorities, including Muslims, in the areas of poverty, literacy and employment:

(i) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme: This scholarship is awarded to students from class I to class X. The scholarship at pre-matric level encourages parents from minority communities to send their children to school, lighten their financial burden on school education and sustain their efforts to support their children to complete school education. The scheme helps in improving literacy amongst minorities and provides a level playing field in the competitive educational arena.