

Focus of MsDP

1490. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the focus of Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) and 15-Point-Programme is more on infrastructure development rather than on livelihood security, skill improvement, creation of employment opportunities and provision of equality education; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to correct the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI NINONG ERING): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) and Prime Minister's New 15 Point Programme covers activities like enhancing opportunities for education, skill development, support for livelihood activities, ensuring an equitable share for minorities in economic activities and employment, enhancing credit support etc. besides infrastructural development for the notified minorities in the country.

Expansion of infrastructure development programme

1491. SHRI D. RAJA:

SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to expand the infrastructure development programme, being implemented for the minority population in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI NINONG ERING): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ministry of Minority Affairs has proposed to expand the Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) from 90 Minority Concentration Districts to the identified 500 Minority Concentration villages, 710 Minority Concentration Blocks,

and 66 towns in 196 districts to make it more focused and more targeted on minority communities during the 12th Plan in the country.

Special scholarship scheme for minority students

†1492. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocated under the Special Scholarship Scheme for minority students and the number of minority students who have been provided this scholarship in different States, during the last one year along with the amount of scholarship provided, student-wise and State-wise; and

(b) the number of minority students benefited with it community-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI NINONG ERING): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Minority Affairs implements no scheme in the name of "Special Scholarship Scheme for minority students". However, the Ministry implements three Scholarship Schemes and one Fellowship Scheme namely Pre-matric Scholarship Scheme, Post-matric Scholarship Scheme, Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme and Maulana Azad National Fellowship Scheme. The allocation of budget under these four Scholarship Schemes/ Fellowship Scheme, State-wise release and the number of minority students benefited with it community-wise for the financial year 2011-12 are given in the Statements-I to IV respectively.

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