

**Funds for spreading modern and technical education
among minority communities**

2914. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has allocated any fund to strengthen measures in spreading modern and technical education among minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (DR. NAJMA A. HEPTULLA):

(a) and (b) To strengthen spreading of modern, technical and vocational education for educational/technical empowerment of students belonging to minority communities, Post-matric and Merit-cum-Means based scholarship schemes are implemented by this ministry. The budget allocated during 2013-14 was ₹ 548.50 crore and ₹ 270 crore while the budget allocation for 2014-15 is ₹ 598.50 crore and ₹ 335 crore under Post-matric and Merit-cum-Means based scholarship schemes respectively.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Inclusion of districts under MSDP in Andhra Pradesh

2915. SHRI C.M. RAMESH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified any districts in Andhra Pradesh to implement projects under Multi-Sectoral Development Programme (MSDP);

(b) if so, the districts identified under the said scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (DR. NAJMA A. HEPTULLA):

(a) and (b) The Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) has been restructured for implementation during 12th Five Year Plan Period. After restructuring, the unit of planning for implementation of MsDP has been changed to blocks/towns/clusters instead of districts, to sharpen the focus of the programme on the minority concentration areas. Presently, 5 Minority Concentration Blocks (MCBs) and 6 Minority Concentration Towns (MCTs) falling in 4 districts of Andhra Pradesh have been identified for implementation of MsDP. The list of MCBs and MCTs is given in Statement (*See below*).

(c) Does not arise.