

IMPLEMENTATION OF SACHAR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Status Report as on 31st December, 2014)

Background

- A High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Justice (Retired) Rajinder Sachar was constituted by the Prime Minister's Office for preparation of a comprehensive report on the social, economic and educational status of the Muslim community of India.
 - **Sachar Committee Constituted– 9th March, 2005**
 - **Report submitted – 17th November, 2006**
 - **Laid in Parliament – 30th November, 2006**
 - **List of follow-up action on recommendations approved by Cabinet – 17th May, 2007**

- The Government took several decisions on the recommendations of the Sachar Committee and a statement in this regard was laid in both Houses of Parliament on 31.8.2007.

Total Recommendations/suggestions in the Report - 76

- **72 recommendations accepted by the Government**
- **3 recommendations were not accepted**
- **1 recommendation was deferred**

Recommendations not accepted/ deferred:

- Following three recommendations at (i), (ii) & (iii) were not accepted and one recommendation at (iv) was deferred by the Government:
 - (i) Enumeration of castes/groups as a part of decennial census exercise.
 - (ii) Creation of a new All India Cadre of officers, to manage the affairs of State Waqf Boards and Central Waqf Council
 - (iii) Having an alternative admission criteria, to facilitate admissions to the most backward amongst all the SRCs in the regular Universities and autonomous colleges.

- (iv) Absorbing Arzals in the SC list or atleast in a separate Most Backward Category (MBCs) carved out of the OBCs.

Implementation of decisions of the Government

- For implementation of 72 accepted recommendations, Government took 43 decisions by clubbing recommendations of similar nature.
- These decisions are overarching and encompass all notified minorities.
- All 43 decisions taken by the Government on the recommendations of Sachar Committee have been grouped under the following major focus areas:-

I. Education (15 decisions)

II. Skill Development (2 decisions)

III. Access to credit (6 decisions)

IV. Special development initiatives (2 decisions) – MsDP, JnNURM

V. Measures for affirmative action (4 decisions) - Equal Opportunity Commission, Diversity Index, National Data Bank and Assessment & Monitoring Authority.

VI. Waqfs (4 decisions)

VII. Miscellaneous (10 decisions) - Communal Violence (Prevention) Bill, multi media campaign, Delimitation Act, Sensitization etc.

- The responsibility for implementation of these decisions has been given to Ministry of Minority Affairs and the concerned Ministries/Departments.
- Follow up action on all 43 decisions has been taken by the Government. Some of the decisions have already been implemented. The follow up action on remaining decisions is of on-going nature. The Status of Action Taken on the decisions of the Government is given below:

**STATUS OF FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE DECISIONS OF GOVERNMENT
ON SACHAR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Education:

S. N.	Decisions taken by the Cabinet	Action Taken	Status
1.	<p>The Educational Backwardness of the Muslim Community as brought out by the Sachar Committee will be addressed through a multi-pronged strategy. The strategy will focus specifically on improving the access to education of Muslim girls.</p> <p>-Ministry of Human Resource Development</p>	<p>Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is being implemented by Ministry of Human Resource Development. The States/UTs have been advised under SSA to give primacy to opening of 'Girls only' upper primary schools keeping with the State government policy, in areas where there is such a demand under SSA. Eight States/UTs namely Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, J&K, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan and West Bengal have opened 'girls only' Schools at the Upper Primary Level. Under SSA the following works have been taken up since 2006-07 up to 30.09.2014 in the minority concentration districts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary schools constructed: 16,196 • Upper primary school constructed: 8,160 • Additional classrooms constructed: 237,161 • New primary schools opened: 21,486 • Upper primary schools opened: 11,871 • No of teachers sanctioned: 125,435 • No. of KGBVs sanctioned: 555 <p>The Ministry of Minority Affairs is implementing three Scholarship schemes namely Pre-matric, Post-matric and Merit-cum-means based scholarship schemes for the students of minority communities. The details of scholarships given since inception till 31.12.2014 are as under:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-matric Scholarship: 328.73 lakh • Post-matric Scholarship: 35.39 lakh • Merit-cum-means Scholarship: 4.08 lakh <p>Total scholarships given: 368 lakh 30% of scholarships are earmarked for girls.</p>	<p>Implemented. However, action taken is a continuous process.</p>

<p>2.</p>	<p>The outreach of upper primary schools, particularly for Muslim girls, will be expanded with "girls only" schools, wherever required, and by opening residential Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) schools, on priority, in areas with substantial Muslim population.</p> <p>-Ministry of Human Resource Development</p>	<p>(1) SSA is committed to ensuring universal access to primary and upper primary education within one km and three kms respectively.</p> <p>(2) 555 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas have been sanctioned since 2006-07 in minority concentration districts (MCDs) and all are operational.</p> <p>(3) MHRD (Department of School Education and Literacy) has also issued instructions that as KGBV schools are part of the regular upper primary school system of the State, the State Government / Union Territory's particular policy for instruction in Urdu medium should be adopted for the KGBV schools. The Urdu teachers available in the system should be deployed for the purpose. The enrolment of Muslim girls in these 555 KGBVs was 16.39 % in 2013-14. Continued efforts have been made by MHRD to increase enrolment of Muslim girls in these KGBVs.</p> <p>In order to increase enrolment of girls belonging to minority communities, States have been requested in July 2013 to take immediate steps to enroll the most vulnerable/drop-out girls from the minority communities in the KGBVs so as to enhance their opportunities.</p>	<p>Implemented. However, action taken is a continuous process.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>In pursuance of the goal of universalizing secondary education, priority will be given to opening of secondary/ senior secondary schools in areas of Muslim concentration, wherever there is need for such schools.</p> <p>-Ministry of Human Resource Development</p>	<p>(1) For universalization of access to quality education at secondary stage, a scheme called Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) has been approved. The scheme envisages preference to minority concentration areas in opening of Government schools. State Governments have been advised to accord priority to setting up new/upgraded schools in minority concentration areas while appraising proposals under this scheme.</p> <p>(1) At present, the secondary schools approved for MCDs are 11.26% of the total approved and 9.35% schools are functional. During the period of implementation of RMSA from 2009-10 till August 2014, upgradation of 10,513 secondary schools has been approved out of which, 9,239 have become functional. Out of 10,513 new schools, 1,184 (11.26%) have been approved in MCDs and 864 of these have become functional.</p>	<p>Implemented. However, action taken is a continuous process.</p>

		Further, 2,369 existing secondary schools located in MCDs have been sanctioned for strengthening under the programme till August 2014.	
4.	<p>A mass mobilization campaign will be carried out in all districts, having a substantial population of Muslims, to generate awareness about the need for literacy and elementary education and to promote vocational education and skill development. A special literacy drive will be taken up in these districts to improve the overall literacy rate and especially the literacy rate of Muslim women.</p> <p>- Ministry of Human Resource Development</p>	<p>The Department of School Education & Literacy has launched 'Saakshar Bharat' the new variant of the National Literacy Mission on 08.09.2009 for implementation during the 11th Plan with an objective to make 70 million non-literate adults literate by the end of the Plan. The scheme has special focus on women, belonging to Minorities. It is proposed to cover 12 million Muslim (10 million women and 2 million men) under the programme. Saakshar Bharat is being implemented in 372 districts out of 410 eligible districts where adult female literacy is 50% or below as per 2001 Census.</p> <p>Maulana Azad Taleem-e-Balighan, a target focused approach under overall umbrella of Saakshar Bharat Programme has been launched in February 2014 to improve literacy in Muslims, especially in women.</p> <p>As Mass Mobilization Campaign has been designed keeping all forms of media (print and electronic), folk, cultural and religious events popular in the Muslim community are to be utilized for generating demand for literacy and propagating its benefits. Under this campaign, State Resource Centres (SRCs) have been set up in 11 States comprising of 61 MCDs have been covered under Saakshar Bharat. Updated information in this regard may be provided. It was informed that a suitable budget provision has been kept in the annual action plans of SRCs approved by NLMA for 2014-15.</p>	Implemented. However, action taken is a continuous process.
5.	<p>New Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS) would be set up in all districts, with a substantial population of Muslims, not covered as yet with such Sansthan.</p> <p>-Ministry of Human Resource</p>	<p>Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSSs) are imparting vocational training in 33 out of the 88 Muslim dominated districts in the country. Action for covering additional districts with substantial minority population is under process. The coverage under this programme during 2012-13 was 12.2%. In the year 2013-14 (upto October, 2013) out of 248757 beneficiaries, 30,629 (12.31%) belong to minorities. MHRD has proposed to set up 10 new JSSs in Muslim Concentrated Districts under Maulana Azad Taleem-e-Balighan initiative.</p>	Implemented. However, action taken is a continuous process.

	Development		
6.	<p>In areas with a concentration of Muslim population, Block Institutes of Teacher Education (BITEs) would be established to impart pre-service and in-service training to primary, upper primary and secondary level teachers.</p> <p>-Ministry of Human Resource Development</p>	<p>The Centrally Sponsored Scheme in the XII Plan inter-alia envisages establishment of Block Institutes of Teachers Education in 196 SC/ST/MCDs, depending upon the criterion for which the district has been identified for setting up the BITE. The scheme has covered 15 States/ UTs. From 2012-13 as on August 2014, total 51 BITEs have been approved in MCDs in various States.</p>	<p>Implemented. However, action taken is a continuous process.</p>
7.	<p>The allocation for setting up women's hostels in colleges and Universities would be stepped up further during the 11th Plan. The University Grants Commission (UGC) would pay special attention to setting up women's hostels in higher education institutions in Muslim concentration areas.</p> <p>-Ministry of Human Resource Development</p>	<p>UGC has sanctioned 285 Women's Hostels during 11th Plan in 90 Minority Concentration Districts. Upto 31.03.2014, out of 604 Women's Hostels sanctioned with an amount of Rs. 123.48 crore at national level, 136 have been approved/ sanctioned in MCDs with an amount of Rs. 10.5 crore (8.5%).</p> <p>During 2014-15, out of 69 hostels sanctioned with an amount of Rs. 851.45 crore at national level, 19 (27.53%) have been approved/sanctioned in MCDs with a sanctioned amount of Rs. 26 lakh (0.03%).</p>	<p>Implemented. However, action taken is a continuous process.</p>
8.	<p>The Area Intensive and Madarsa Modernization Programme will be augmented and</p>	<p>The Area Intensive & Madarsa Modernisation Programme has been recast as two schemes, namely, the 'Scheme of Providing Quality Education in Madarasas (SPQEM)' and 'Scheme for Infrastructure Development Private Aided / Unaided Minority Institutes</p>	<p>Implemented. However action taken is a continuous process.</p>

	<p>the scheme revised to enhance the components eligible for assistance under this programme.</p> <p>-Ministry of Human Resource Development</p>	<p>(Elementary / Secondary / Senior Secondary Schools)'. The scheme is demand driven.</p> <p>12,739 Madarsas and 30,507 teachers assisted under SPQEM with an amount of Rs.283.53 crores during 11th Five Year Plan (FYP). In the 12th Plan, during 2012-13, 9,905 Madarsas and 23,146 teachers assisted under SPQEM with total sanctioned amount of Rs.182.49 crores. During 2013-14, 14,859 Madarsas and 35,376 teachers assisted with total sanctioned amount of Rs. 182.73 crores.</p> <p>Under IDMI, total 403 minority institutions assisted and Rs. 75.40 crores released during 11th Five Year Plan (FYP). In the 12th Plan, during 2012-13, 184 minority institutions assisted and Rs. 28.38 crores released. During 2013-14, 229 minority institutions assisted and Rs. 24.99 crores released.</p>	
9.	<p>The mid-day meal scheme is being extended to cover children in upper primary classes. Special attention would be given to all Muslim concentration blocks, which are educationally backward.</p> <p>-Ministry of Human Resource Development</p>	<p>The MDM scheme was extended to all areas in the country from the year 2007-08 onwards and also covers upper primary schools. Blocks with concentration of Muslim population are covered under this scheme. Children in Madarsas are also covered under the programme. Planning Commission has approved the extension of the scheme to students studying in privately managed unaided schools located in SC, ST and Minority Concentrated Districts; benefitting approximately 60.37 lakh children in 29116 schools in MCDs and special focused districts.</p> <p>MHRD has reported that a meeting of the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) for revisions/modifications in the norms of MDM was held on 30.01.2014, wherein it was decided with the approval of competent authority that the components of extension of MDM scheme to private schools in Special Focused Districts (SFDs) in SC/ST and minority concentration areas and coverage of 25% children admitted in private schools under section 12(1)(c) of RTE Act and coverage of children of pre-primary schools located in elementary schools during 12th Plan would be considered for implementation after a thorough review of the scheme. The EFC noted that the aforesaid proposal of extension of MDM scheme may be taken on later by MHRD after a thorough review, for</p>	<p>Implemented. However action taken is a continuous process.</p>

		which a separate proposal would be prepared if such a change is felt necessary by MHRD.	
10.	Existing school and community buildings could be used in the evenings as 'study centres' and existing teachers could be engaged on honoraria to tutor willing students including girls, who could be accompanied by guardians. -Ministry of Human Resource Development	All the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations have been advised by MHRD for using existing school buildings and community buildings as the study centres for school children. Reminders have been periodically issued to the Chief Secretaries of all states/ UTs in this regard.	Implemented.
11.	The National Curriculum Framework-2005 envisages strengthening of a national system of education in a pluralistic society, based on the values enshrined in the Constitution of India, such as social justice, equality and secularism. Text books are being revised in accordance with the National Curriculum Framework-2005. -Ministry of Human Resource Development	MHRD has informed that based on the recommendations of National Curriculum 2005, NCERT revised the syllabi and prepared new textbooks of all the subjects for all stages of school education. The whole exercise of revision of syllabi and textbooks was supervised by the National Monitoring Committee appointed by the Department of Secondary and Higher Education. The textbook of secondary and higher secondary stages for Geography, Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Commerce, Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics have been reviewed and updated. The syllabus has been revised by almost all the State Govt. either by revision, or by adopting the syllabus of neighboring States. At Primary stage, 21 States and 4 neighboring UTs have implemented revised State curricular material. 6 States and 3 UTs adopt curricular material developed by NCERT. Tripura is in the process of revising its curricular material. At Upper Primary stage, 17 States and 4 neighboring UTs have implemented revised State curricular material. 10 States and 3 UTs adopt curricular material developed by NCERT. Tripura is in the process of revising its curricular material.	Implemented.

		<p>At Secondary stage, 13 States and 2 neighboring UTs have implemented revised State curricular material. 13 States and 3 UTs adopt curricular material developed by the NCERT. Gujarat, two neighboring UTs and Tripura are in the process of revising their curricular material.</p> <p>At Higher Secondary stage, 10 States have implemented revised State curricular material. 15 States, 2 neighboring UTs, Tripura and West Bengal are in the process of revising their curricular material.</p>	
12.	<p>The trend of the pool of eligible population for higher education increasing faster for SCs/ STs than for Muslims will be examined further.</p> <p>-Ministry of Human Resource Development</p>	<p>A study was undertaken by the National University for Educational Planning & Administration (NUEPA) to address this issue. The study report has been submitted and the same has been examined in the Ministry of HRD. As recommended in the NUEPA Report, a Standing Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of HRD with the mandate to monitor the minority related schemes and programmes and to suggest modifications with a view to cater to the needs of the minorities. MHRD has informed that action has been initiated to develop data in respect of enrolment of the minorities in higher educational institutions.</p>	Implemented.
13.	<p>A mechanism has already been put in place to make granting of minority educational institution status more responsive. The question of equivalence of qualifications from Madarsas for subsequent access to higher education has been engaging the attention of government. Institutions like Aligarh Muslim University, Jamia Milia Islamia University and Jamia Hamdard University already</p>	<p>With respect to mechanism for granting of minority educational institution status more responsive, National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) has been established by an Act of Parliament with the key objective of ensuring that the true amplitude of the educational rights enshrined in Article 30 (1) of the Constitution is made available to the members of the notified religious minority communities, including the Muslims.</p> <p>The certificates / qualifications of the Madarsa Boards which have been granted equivalence by the State Education Board to that of their Secondary and Senior Secondary qualification have been equated with corresponding certificates of the Central Board of Secondary Education, Council of Board of School Education in India and other school examination boards, for the purpose of employment and entry to higher levels education. DoPT has issued notification in this regard. MHRD has mentioned that from 2005 to July, 2013, 8419 certificates have</p>	Implemented.

	recognize qualifications from Madarsas. -Ministry of Human Resource Development	been issued for granting minority educational institute status.	
14.	The Ministry of Minority Affairs will implement three scholarship schemes, a coaching & allied scheme specifically for students from the minority communities and other schemes for development of education. -Ministry of Minority Affairs	The Ministry is implementing following schemes:- (a) Pre-matric scholarship scheme, (b) Post-matric scholarship scheme and (c) Merit-cum-means scholarship scheme The aforesaid three Scholarship schemes are being implemented for minority communities, for Class I to X, Class XI to Ph.D. and for technical and professional courses respectively at under-graduate and post-graduate levels. Funds of Rs. 5608.74 crore have been released under these schemes for awarding 3.02 crore scholarships since their inception till the year 2013-14. During 2014-15, Rs. 1,326.11 crore have been released for awarding 66.61 lakh scholarships up to 30.09.2014. Maulana Azad Fellowship Scheme: 3,020 fresh Fellowships were awarded under Maulana Azad National Fellowship through University Grants Commission (UGC), which is the Nodal Agency for the Fellowship of minority communities since launching of the programme till 2012-13. A total of 3,776 Fellowships (756 Fresh and 3,020 Renewals) were given during 2013-14. During 2014-15, no funds have been released as no Utilization Certificates (UCs) have been utilized. Presently, selection of candidates is under process with UGC. Coaching and Allied Scheme: A revised Coaching and Allied scheme was launched in 2006-07. 27,876 students belonging to minority communities benefitted and an amount of Rs. 54.61 crores was released under this scheme during the 11th FYP. In the 12th Plan (up to 2013-14), during 2012-13, 16,713 students belonging to minority communities benefitted and an amount of Rs. 37.65 crore released. During 2014-15, 6,314	Implemented. However action taken is a continuous process.

		students belonging to minority communities benefitted and an amount of Rs. 23.49 crore has been released up to 31.12.2014.	
15.	The corpus of the Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) will be augmented and its operations expanded and streamlined. -Ministry of Minority Affairs	The corpus of MAEF was increased from Rs. 200 crore to Rs. 750 crore during the 11th Plan. The corpus has been further enhanced Rs. 1,250 crore during the 12 th Plan. The present corpus of MAEF is Rs. 1,023 crore.	Implemented. Operations of MAEF are being streamlined.

2. Skill Development:

S. N.	Decisions taken by the Cabinet	Action Taken	Status
1.	An inter-ministerial group will be set up consisting of representatives of the Ministries of Labour & Employment, small Scale Industries & Agro & Rural-based Industries, Human Resource Development, Textiles, Heavy Industries, Health & Family Welfare, Minority Affairs, Food Processing Industries, Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation, Ministry of Finance (Banking) and Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion to plan and monitor the implementation of a comprehensive programme for skill development amongst Muslims so that the benefits from complementarities and synergy from a host of schemes could accrue to the intended beneficiaries quickly and in a palpable fashion. A cluster approach' will be adopted	A three-tier institutional structure for skill development was functioning till May, 2013 at the Central level involving the Prime Minister's National Council on Skill Development (PMNCSD), National Skill Development Co-Ordination Board (NSDCB) under the Planning Commission and the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). However, as per a decision of the Union Cabinet the PMNCSD, NSDCB and O/o Adviser to PM on Skill Development has been subsumed in the National Skill Development Agency (NSDA). The NSDA is an autonomous body under the M/o Finance and has been set up <i>inter alia</i> , to coordinate and harmonize the Skill Development efforts of the Government and the Private Sector to achieve the skilling targets of the 12 th Plan and beyond and endeavor to bridge the Social, Regional, Gender and Economic Divide. The Ministry of Labour & Employment has informed that 1,498 out of 10,750 ITIs/ITCs (14%) affiliated to NCVT are in Minority Concentration Areas with a	Implemented. However action taken is a continuous process.

	<p>to address the need for skill and entrepreneurship.</p> <p>-Planning Commission</p>	<p>capacity of 234,203 seats.</p> <p>Planning Commission has informed that a separate Department is being set up for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship.</p> <p>Besides, under the Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) of Ministry of Minority Affairs, 10% of the total allocation is earmarked for the skill training. Also 118 ITIs and 45 Polytechnics have been sanctioned for minority concentration areas under MsDP to fill the development deficit gap.</p> <p>Ministry of Minority Affairs has launched a new scheme in September, 2013 "Seekho aur Kamao (Learn & Earn)" a 100% central sector scheme, for skill development of minorities. The outlay for 12th Plan for this scheme is Rs. 60 crore.</p>	
2.	<p>NABARD and SIDBI will be advised to set aside funds for training minorities under their EDP programmes with focus on skill development of artisans in traditional occupations and also for re-equipping them with modern skills, especially in minority dominated clusters. An Inter-ministerial Group, set up to plan and monitor the implementation of this programme, will also look into integrating this into their plan.</p> <p>-Department of Financial Services</p>	<p>RBI has instructed the lead banks to organize entrepreneur development programmes so that members of the minority communities in these areas could derive the benefits of various programmes being financed by the banks. 1,839 entrepreneur development programmes (EDPs) have been organized during 2014-15 (30.09.2014) and the amount of financial assistance provided was Rs. 90.57 crore to 13,644 beneficiaries.</p>	<p>Implemented. However action taken is a continuous process.</p>

3. Access to Credit:

S. N.	Decisions taken by the Cabinet	Action Taken	Status												
1.	<p>Access to credit for Muslims is critical as a large proportion of this community is engaged in self-employment activities. While formulating the district plan it will be ensured that adequate credit is made available to minorities and Muslims in particular, with convenience and ease.</p> <p>-Department of Financial Services</p>	<p>The percentage of Priority Sector Lending (PSL) going to minorities has shown steady increase from 10.6% in 2007-08 to 15.76% in 2014-15 (30.09.2014). The segregated data of PSL during 2014-15 (30.09.2014) shows the community-wise flow as under:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Muslims : 44.07% Christians : 21.59% Sikhs : 24.25% Buddhists : 1.91% Parsis : 2.80% Jains : 5.38% </p>	<p>Implemented. However action taken is a continuous process.</p>												
2.	<p>Public sector banks will be advised to open more branches in Muslim concentration areas.</p> <p>-Department of Financial Services</p>	<p>A total of 19,119 branches of Public Sector Banks have been opened in areas with substantial minority population up to 31.03.2014. During 2014-15 (30.09.2014), 562 New Bank Branches have been opened in MCDs.</p>	<p>Implemented. However action taken is a continuous process.</p>												
3.	<p>Public sector banks would regularly monitor disposal of loan applications for minorities and maintain reasons for rejection of applications so that the applicants can exercise full rights to information about the status of their</p>	<p>Proforma for reporting and monitoring of loans to minorities has been devised. As per the information provided by the Dept. The details regarding number of applications received, accepted etc. during 2012-13 to 2014-15 (up to 30.09.2014), are as under:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="491 1877 1206 2107"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>2012-13</th> <th>2013-14</th> <th>2014-15</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>App. received</td> <td>1446507</td> <td>1177192</td> <td>612090</td> </tr> <tr> <td>App. accepted</td> <td>1428660</td> <td>1168338</td> <td>606668</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	App. received	1446507	1177192	612090	App. accepted	1428660	1168338	606668	<p>Implemented.</p>
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4.	<p>RBI has already issued necessary instructions to all Scheduled Commercial Banks to specifically direct credit to Muslims, create awareness of various credit schemes through publicity and organize entrepreneurial development programmes.</p> <p>-Department of Financial Services</p>	<p>Department of Financial Services has informed that 4585 entrepreneur development programmes (EDPs) were organized during 2013-14 and the number of beneficiaries was 104,630 while Rs. 219.98 crore were provided as financial assistance to 47,545 beneficiaries.</p> <p>5,085 awareness campaigns were held in 2,294 towns/blocks having substantial minority population covering 5,594 branches during 2014-15 (30.09.2014).</p>	<p>Implemented. However action taken is a continuous process.</p>								
5.	<p>Micro-finance among women would be promoted, especially in clusters, by the Ministries / Departments / PSU banks / financial institutions.</p> <p>-Department of Financial Services and Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation.</p>	<p>As per the information provided by the Department of Financial Services, 625,120 accounts have been opened for minority women with Rs. 4,439.54 crore as Micro-credit to them in 2013-14. 545,191 accounts have been opened for minority women with Rs. 4,557.52 crore as micro credit in 2014-15 (30.09.2014)</p> <p>M/o Housing and Urban Development has launched National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM) in the 12th Five Year Plan w.e.f. 24.09.2013 by replacing the existing Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY). Social Mobilization and Institution Development (SM & ID) component of NULM envisages organizing urban poor in self-help groups (SHGs) for group saving, internal lending and taking bank loans. At least one member from each urban poor household, preferably a woman, would be brought under the SHG network in a time-bound manner. Further, interest subsidy</p>	<p>Implemented. However action taken is a continuous process.</p>								

		<p>over and above 7% rate of interest will be available on bank loan to all SHGs accessing bank loan. An additional 3% interest subvention will be provided to all women SHGs who repay their loan in time. Detailed guidelines of the scheme have been circulated and the States/UTs have been impressed upon to implement the scheme as per the guidelines.</p> <p>In addition, National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) has also launched a specific scheme for micro-finance for minority women namely "Mahila Samridhi Yojana".</p>	
6.	<p>The National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation (NMDFC) will be restructured so as to make it more effective instrument of intervention.</p> <p>-Ministry of Minority Affairs</p>	<p>The meeting of Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) was held on 22.04.2014 for "Increasing the authorized share capital and Restructuring of NMDFC". EFC has agreed to increase the authorized share capital of NMDFC and approved the revised business models for operations of NMDFC. A Note seeking approval of the Cabinet, inter-alia, for revised business models of NMDFC has been sent to Cabinet Secretariat on 30.7.2014.</p> <p>On 7.8.2014, certain clarifications were sought by the PMO which were submitted by this Ministry on 20.8.2014. Further, on 3.11.2014, PMO has desired to have some more information regarding NMDFC which is being sent.</p>	<p>Implemented. However, the matter is pending before the Cabinet.</p>

4. Special Development Initiatives:

S. N.	Decisions taken by the Cabinet	Action Taken	Status
1.	<p>A Multi-sectoral Development programme to provide basic amenities, and improve opportunities for employment will be launched in identified backward minority concentration districts.</p> <p>-Ministry of Minority Affairs</p>	<p>Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) was launched in 90 identified minority concentration districts (MCDs) in 2008-09. Subsequently, on 04.06.2013 the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the restructuring of Multi-sectoral Development Programme for implementation in 710 blocks and 66 towns during the 12th Five Year Plan.</p> <p>Plans for Rs. 4,843.64 crore have been approved and Rs. 3,576.56 crore released to State Governments and UTs up to the year 2012-13. During 2013-14, plans for Rs. 1,466.98 crore have been approved and Rs. 958.23 crore released. During 2014-15 up to 31.12.2014, plans for Rs. 669.17 crore have been approved and Rs. 756.81 crore have been released.</p>	Implemented.
2.	<p>An Inter-ministerial Task Force, constituted under the Chairmanship of Member, Planning Commission, will recommend strategies to address the deficiencies in civic amenities, infrastructure and economic opportunities in 338 identified towns and cities, with a population exceeding 50,000 and having at least 25% minority population.</p> <p>- Planning Commission and Ministry of Minority Affairs</p>	<p>Report of Inter-Ministerial Task Force headed by Dr. BL Mungekar was examined. 338 towns/cities having a substantial minority population, of which 251 are backward, have been identified. The following were the broad recommendations:</p> <p>(1) The identified deficiencies in educational and health infrastructure are to be attended on priority by Deptt. of School Education & Literacy, Deptt. of Higher Education, Min. of Women & Child Development, Min. of Labour & Employment and Min. of Health & Family Welfare.</p> <p>(2) The identified deficiencies in basic civic amenities are to be attended on priority by Min. of Urban Development (JNNURM) and Min. of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation (BSUP) and (IHSDP).</p> <p>(3) Percentage of priority sector lending to minorities to be stepped up to 15% by 2010 by the D/o</p>	Implemented.

	<p>Financial Services.</p> <p>Ministries/Departments concerned have been suitably advised to take action on the recommendations of the task force.</p> <p>(a) The deficiencies in civic amenities have been addressed through the schemes of M/o Urban Development, M/o Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation (MHUPA) and M/o Drinking Water & Sanitation through their various schemes. MHUPA, which has issued advisory to ensure that under the JnNURM/UIDSSMT schemes, the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) should have adequate provision for minorities.</p> <p>(b) The PSL going to minorities has shown steady increase from 10.6% in 2007-08 to 15.76% in 2014-15 (30.09.2014).</p> <p>(c) The restructured Multi-sectoral Development Programme (MsDP) has identified 66 towns/cities from the list of backward towns/cities with substantial minority population from this report for implementation of programme during 12th Plan.</p>	
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5. Measures for affirmative action:

S. N.	Decisions taken by the Cabinet	Action Taken	Status
1	<p>An expert Group will be set up to examine and determine the structure and functions of an Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC).</p> <p>-Ministry of Minority Affairs</p>	<p>In pursuance of this decision, an Expert Group was set up on 31.08.2007. The Expert Group submitted its report on 13.03.2008. Based on the Expert Group Report, recommendations of Group of Ministers constituted for this purpose and comments/ inputs received from various stakeholders, a proposal for setting up of Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC) has been prepared. The Cabinet in its meeting held on 20.02.2014 approved the proposal to set up the EOC for</p>	<p>The decision per se is implemented.</p> <p>However, the proposal for setting up of EOC is under consideration.</p>

		<p>minorities through an Act of Parliament.</p> <p>However, after formation of the new Government after General Election 2014, the proposal was re-circulated for inter ministerial consultation for obtaining views of the new Government on the proposal. Comments of Ministries/ Departments have been received, which are under examination in the Ministry.</p>	
2	<p>An expert group will be set up to recommend an appropriate "diversity index" to promote diversity in living, educational and work spaces.</p> <p>-Ministry of Minority Affairs</p>	<p>An expert group on diversity index was set up as per the decisions of the Government. The purpose was to, inter-alia, develop and devise a transparent and acceptable index to measure diversity in the areas of education, government and private employment and housing. The expert group submitted its report recommending, among other things, a conceptual framework of the diversity index and its construction.</p> <p>Since the proposal for setting up of EOC was already under consideration, the concept of having a diversity index has been subsumed in the proposal for setting up an EOC.</p>	<p>The decision per se is Implemented.</p> <p>However, the idea of diversity index is under consideration along with the proposal of EOC.</p>
3	<p>A National Data Bank (NDB) will be set up where the relevant data for various socio religious communities (SRCs) will be maintained.</p> <p>-Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)</p>	<p>Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has created a National Data Bank web page on its website where various tables on population, education, health and labour & employment (Census 2011 and Census 2001) have been uploaded under the link "National Data Bank". The webpage also contains a few National Sample Survey reports which contain data on the socio-religious categories.</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>
4	<p>An Autonomous assessment and Monitoring Authority (AMA), to evaluate the data maintained by National Data Bank will be set up in the Planning Commission.</p>	<p>In pursuance of the decision of the Government, an Assessment and Monitoring Authority (AMA) was set up in the Planning Commission. Since the term of the AMA ended on 15th January, 2011, the Planning Commission reconstituted AMA and the term of the reconstituted AMA has been extended up to</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>

<p>-Planning Commission</p>	<p>30.06.2014. The AMA set up three Working Groups as under:</p> <p>Working Group-1: This will look after data identification, Socio-religious categories (SRC) selection and data analysis, formulating new innovative methodologies for data selection and analysis etc.</p> <p>Working Group-2: This Group will look after monitoring of participation and assessment of impact.</p> <p>Working Group-3: This group will do synthesizing of information gathered by Working Group 1 and Working Group 2 in order to make policy recommendations.</p> <p>All the Working Groups have since submitted their reports to AMA. AMA has submitted its report to Planning Commission on 02.05.2014.</p>	
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6. Waqfs:

S. N.	Decisions taken by the Cabinet	Action Taken	Status
1.	<p>The Ministry of Culture will hold an annual meeting with the Central Waqf Council (CWC) to review the list of waqfs, which are under the Archeological Survey of India (ASI).</p> <p>-Ministry of Culture</p>	<p>The Archeological Survey of India (ASI) holds annual meetings with CWC. Last such meeting was held on 15.10.2014. There are 218 Waqf properties, which are to be protected by ASI, has been reported. M/o Culture has directed the ASI to expedite action for the identification of Waqf properties at the regional level and to send a report to them shortly.</p>	<p>Implemented. However action taken is a continuous process.</p>
2.	<p>A suitable agency will be set up for providing financial assistance for the development of waqf properties to enable waqfs to generate surpluses for the welfare of the poor.</p>	<p>A Public Sector Undertaking namely National Waqf Development Corporation (NAWADCO) has since been incorporated by MoMA with an authorized share capital of Rs. 500 crores and paid up capital of Rs. 100 crore, to finance the development of Waqf properties for public purposes throughout the country.</p>	<p>Implemented.</p>

	-Ministry of Minority Affairs		
3.	<p>(a) A Bill to amend the Waqf Act will be introduced in Parliament after receiving the recommendations of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) on Waqfs.</p> <p>(b) Model Waqf rules will be framed and forwarded to States/UTs which have not framed such rules.</p> <p>-Ministry of Minority Affairs</p>	<p>(a) The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2010 with proposed amendments in the Waqf Act, 1995 was passed by the Lok Sabha on 7th May 2010. The Bill was then referred to a Select Committee of the Rajya Sabha. Based on the suggestions of the Select Committee and various other stakeholders, the Waqf (Amendment) Bill has been passed by the Rajya Sabha on 19th August, 2013. The Bill has been passed by both the Houses of Parliament, and Waqf Amendment Act has been enacted.</p> <p>(b) After the enactment of Waqf Amendment Act, Model Waqf Rules are under preparation.</p>	Implemented.
4.	<p>States will be requested to consider amendments to their Rent Control Act (RCA) to exempt waqf properties from its purview.</p> <p>-Ministry of Urban Development</p>	<p>(a) 10 States namely, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and 3 UTs viz., Chandigarh, Lakshadweep and Puducherry have amended their respective rent control acts for exemption of Waqf properties.</p> <p>(b) 7 States namely, Assam, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal have stated that the matter is under consideration.</p> <p>(c) 3 States/UTs namely, Manipur, Odisha and Andaman & Nicobar Islands have clarified that there are no rent control acts.</p> <p>(d) Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Daman & Diu have confirmed that no Waqf property exists.</p> <p>(e) The State Government of Goa has informed that there is no provision in the Goa, Daman & Diu Building (Lease, Rent and Eviction) Control Act, 1968 exempting premises occupied by religious and charitable trusts.</p> <p>(f) The Maharashtra Government informed</p>	Implemented.

	<p>that the Waqf properties are registered as charitable public trust. Proposal for exemption will be considered by the State Government on receipt of application under section 32 of Maharashtra RCA, 1999.</p> <p>(g) Government of Tamil Nadu has already been providing concession to religious trusts under Tamil Nadu Cultivating Tenant Protection Act, 1955 and Tamil Nadu Cultivating Tenants (Payment of Fair Rent) Act, 1956. The State Government does not intend to amend the above Act for exemption of Waqf lands from their purview as these acts have been enacted with an object to protect Religious Trusts only.</p> <p>(h) There is no information received from Government of Tripura, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and the UT of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.</p>	
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7. Miscellaneous Issues:

S. N.	Decisions taken by the Cabinet	Action Taken	Status
1.	<p>A Bill will be brought before Parliament for providing social security to workers in the un-organised sector, which, inter-alia includes, home-based workers.</p> <p>-Ministry of Labour & Employment</p>	<p>Ministry of Labour and Employment has informed that an Act has been passed by the Parliament for providing social security to workers in the unorganized sector, which, inter-alia, includes home based workers.</p> <p>Ministry of Labour & Employment is implementing Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) to provide smart card based cashless health insurance, including maternity benefit, cover of Rs. 30,000/- per annum on family floater basis to BPL families (a unit of five) in the unorganized sector. The scheme became operational from 01.04.2008. More than 3.69 crore families are availing the benefits of the schemes.</p> <p>As on 28.02.2014, 28 States/UTs, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Puducherry,</p>	Implemented.

		<p>Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, West Bengal and Chandigarh are covered under this scheme.</p> <p>During the course of implementation, apart from BPL families, RSBY coverage has been extended to various other categories or unorganized workers viz. Building & other construction workers, licensed Railway Porters, Street Vendors, MGNREGA worker (who have worked for more than fifteen days during preceding financial year). Beedi workers, Domestic workers, Sanitation workers, Mines worker, Rickshaw pullers, Rag pickers and Auto/Taxi drivers. RSBY is envisaged to be extended to all unorganized workers in a phased manner.</p>	
2	<p>High Level Committee has been set up to review the Delimitation Act, and the concerns expressed in the Sachar Committee report will be considered in the course of the review.</p> <p>-Ministry of Law & Justice</p>	<p>The High Level Committee on Delimitation had, <i>inter alia</i>, considered all the matters relating to the delimitation of Parliamentary and Assembly constituencies and suggested certain further course of action. Thereafter, a Group of Ministers (GoM) considered the measures suggested by the high Level Committee and on the basis of the recommendations of the GoM, the matter was again placed before the Cabinet. Thereafter, on the basis of the decision of the Cabinet, the Delimitation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2008 was promulgated; which was later replaced by the Delimitation (Amendment) Act, 2008.</p>	Implemented.
3.	<p>Appropriate training modules, films and material for sensitization of government functionaries, specially field staff, would be prepared and made available to State governments/UT administration for use in induction and in-service training programmes.</p> <p>-Department</p>	<p>Department of Personnel & Training has already taken action in this regard and State Government / UT administration have been given modules for training.</p>	Implemented. However action taken is a continuous process.

	of Personnel & Training		
4.	<p>Parliament is considering passing of the Communal Violence (Preventive, Control and Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill, 2005. It provides for penal provisions as deterrents, setting up Special Courts and mechanism for compensation and rehabilitation of riot victims.</p> <p>-Ministry of Home Affairs</p>	<p>A Bill titled "The Communal Violence (Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill, 2005" was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 05.12.2005 to address all aspects of the issues of communal violence in the country. Notices were given in the Rajya Sabha for consideration and passing of the Bill. However, the Bill could not be taken up for consideration on these occasions. Subsequently, a new Bill titled, "The Prevention of Communal Violence (Access to Justice and Reparations) Bill, 2013" was prepared. The said Bill was approved by the Cabinet on 16.12.2013. Notice for introduction of the Bill in Rajya Sabha was sent on 17.12.2013 but the same could not be introduced. Again, notice was given in the Rajya Sabha on 21.01.2014 for introduction of the Bill titled, "The Prevention of Communal Violence (Access to Justice and Reparations) Bill, 2014" in the Winter session of the Parliament. However, the House after discussion in the Rajya Sabha on 05.02.2014 deferred its introduction. The titled "The Communal Violence (Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill, 2005", which was pending in the Rajya Sabha, has been withdrawn on 05.02.2014.</p>	Implemented.
5.	<p>A multi-media campaign will be launched to focus on the need for social inclusion.</p> <p>-Ministry of Information and Broadcasting</p>	<p>A multi-media campaign has been followed by the M/o I & B for dissemination of information through electronic and print media in Urdu language apart from other languages.</p>	Implemented. However action taken is a continuous process.
6.	<p>State Governments and UTs will be requested to consider the recommendation for posting of Muslim police personnel in thanas and Muslim health personnel and</p>	<p>DoPT has issued instructions to Ministries of HRD, Home Affairs, Health & Family Welfare for issuing necessary guidelines regarding posting of Muslim police personnel in Thanas and Muslim health personnel and teachers in Muslim concentration areas. The States/ UTs have been advised by DoPT to implement the guidelines issued by the aforesaid Ministries. DoPT has issued annual advisory in this regard. While these Ministries have issued circulars, DoPT has issued annual advisory in this regard.</p>	Implemented.

	<p>teachers in Muslim concentration areas.</p> <p>The Ministries of Home Affairs, Health & Family Welfare, Human Resource Development and Department of Personnel & Training will issue appropriate guidelines. Department of Personnel & Training will be the nodal department for monitoring this.</p> <p>-Department of Personnel & Training</p>	<p>As per information available with MHA, during 2014, (30.06.2014), 2,123 Muslim police personnel (3.2%) are posted in Thanas in 12 States. The information is collected by MHA on on half yearly basis. It was also informed that State Government of Kerala has not been sending the report citing that there is no condition warranting the posting of the police officers on religious considerations in the State.</p> <p>MHFW has informed that advisories have been issued to all the States/ UTs to furnish the details of Muslim personnel in PHCs/ CHS, etc 27 States/UTs viz. Manipur, Lakshadweep, Haryana, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Jharkhand, Kerala, Tripura, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Assam, Nagaland, Chandigarh, Puducherry, Punjab, NCT of Delhi, Goa, Mizoram, Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Sikkim and Bihar have reported the details of Muslim personnel posted in PHCs/ CHSs, etc. The remaining States have not furnished the requisite information and reminder was issued to them on 02.01.2015 by M/o Health & Family Welfare to expedite the information.</p>	
7.	<p>Civil rights centres, initially in Central universities, will be set up to promote the importance of social inclusion.</p> <p>-Ministry of Human Resource Development</p>	<p>35 Universities have started centres for studying social exclusion and inclusive policy for minorities and SCs/STs. Besides, 2,328 Centres of Equal Opportunity (CEOs) have been established in 23 Central Universities, 114 State Universities, 12 Deemed Universities and 2,179 Colleges. UGC has released Rs. 46.07 crore during the 11th Plan.</p>	Implemented.

8.	<p>For facilitating the flow of funds under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT), Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP) to towns and cities, having a substantial concentration of minority population, necessary steps will be taken to ensure that Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for such towns and cities include adequate provisions for minorities, as envisaged in the new 15 Point Programme.</p> <p>-Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and Ministry of Urban Development</p>	<p>M/o Urban Development (MoUD) has issued advisory to ensure that under the JNNURM / UIDSSMT Schemes, the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) should have adequate provision for minorities.</p> <p>MoUD has informed that detailed Project Reports (DPRs) submitted by State Governments do not specifically target the minority concentrated areas. Projects are prepared for a Mission City and its population as a whole. The benefits automatically accrue to minority concentrated areas falling within such cities. Cumulative achievements up to 30.09.2014 under JnNURM are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="470 667 1233 2101"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="470 667 726 943">Name of component/ Sub-scheme</th> <th data-bbox="726 667 1002 943">Project cost for minorities dominated Cities/Towns (Rs. in crore) and % of total</th> <th data-bbox="1002 667 1233 943">No. of Cities/ Towns (% of total)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 943 726 1294">Urban Development projects sanctioned in MC Cities under Basic Services for Urban Poor (BSUP)</td> <td data-bbox="726 943 1002 1294">Rs. 6,253.81 crore (23.6%)</td> <td data-bbox="1002 943 1233 1294">17 (26.15%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 1294 726 1758">Urban Development projects sanctioned in MC Cities under Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP)</td> <td data-bbox="726 1294 1002 1758">Rs. 2,133.09 crore (19.62%)</td> <td data-bbox="1002 1294 1233 1758">102 (11.51%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="470 1758 726 2101">Urban Development projects sanctioned in MC Cities under Urban Infrastructure Governance (UIG)</td> <td data-bbox="726 1758 1002 2101">10259.78 (15.81%)</td> <td data-bbox="1002 1758 1233 2101">19 (29.23%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of component/ Sub-scheme	Project cost for minorities dominated Cities/Towns (Rs. in crore) and % of total	No. of Cities/ Towns (% of total)	Urban Development projects sanctioned in MC Cities under Basic Services for Urban Poor (BSUP)	Rs. 6,253.81 crore (23.6%)	17 (26.15%)	Urban Development projects sanctioned in MC Cities under Integrated Housing and Slum Development Programme (IHSDP)	Rs. 2,133.09 crore (19.62%)	102 (11.51%)	Urban Development projects sanctioned in MC Cities under Urban Infrastructure Governance (UIG)	10259.78 (15.81%)	19 (29.23%)	<p>Implemented. However action taken is a continuous process.</p>
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9.	<p>State governments will be advised to improve representation of minorities in local bodies on the lines of the initiative taken by the Andhra Pradesh government.</p> <p>-Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Ministry of Urban Development</p>	<p>The State Governments have been advised by the Ministry Panchayati Raj and the Ministry of Urban Development to improve representation of minorities in local bodies.</p> <p>I. Action taken for Urban Local Bodies:</p> <p>a) Following 10 States/UTs have either taken action for improving the representation of minorities or minorities are represented in local bodies- Andhra Pradesh, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Orissa, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal.</p> <p>b) Andaman Nicobar Islands Administration informed that no community has been declared as minority community in Islands either on religious or linguistic grounds. However, the present council consists of member belonging to minority communities who has been elected in normal course of municipal election.</p> <p>c) Arunachal Pradesh has stated that it is of the view that the whole state is inhabited by various ethnic Tribal groups, some of whom may have converted to some other faith. However, they enjoy the privileges and social rights as Scheduled Tribes.</p> <p>d) The Government of Chhattisgarh has stated that adopting the Andhra Pradesh Model in the State is not feasible as its demographic profile is different from Andhra Pradesh. However, the State Government is mulling alternative model in its context and circumstances</p> <p>e) There is no representation of minorities in Urban Local Bodies in Goa.</p> <p>f) In Himachal Pradesh there is no provision in HP municipal Acts for</p>			Implemented.

representation of minorities in ULBs.

II. Action taken for Rural Local Bodies:

M/o Panchyati Raj has issued requisite advisory letter to all the State Govt. for improving representation of minorities in local bodies on the lines of the initiative taken by the Andhra Pradesh government. These are being reiterated from time to time.

(a) Following 9 States have informed that suitable provisions exist in the relevant Act for providing representation of minorities or there is adequate representation of minorities in rural local bodies - Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tripura, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Goa .

(b) 11 States namely, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli have not furnished information.

(c) The State Govt. of Bihar has informed that the matter is under consideration.

(d) The State Governments of Gujarat, Odisha and Puducherry have informed that this is yet to be implemented/ considered.

(e) Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu have informed that either no provision exist for separate representation of minorities or it is not feasible to make such provision.

(f) Maghalaya, Mizoram and Nagaland are Non Part IX State - elected PRIs are not mandated by the constitution.

(g) Haryana has informed that the there is provision of reservation for women, scheduled castes and backward classes in the local bodies.

(h) NCT of Delhi informed that Panchayati Raj Institution had been superseded in the union Territory in 1990 and have not been revived. Therefore, any recommendation to be furnished on part of the Govt. of Delhi may not be possible.

State of Sikkim has stated that it has no recognized minority community. However, 90% reservation is being given to SC, ST, OBC and MBC based on their respective population.

10.	<p>Dissemination of information regarding Health and Family welfare schemes will be done in Urdu and regional languages in such districts blocks and towns, with a substantial minority population. A basket of choice in contraception will also be made available, along with ensuring easy access to such services.</p> <p>-M/o Health & Family Welfare</p>	<p>The Ministry of Health & FW has advised States/UTs to take effective steps to popularize various health and family welfare services through advocacy and IEC campaign in Urdu and regional languages in Districts/blocks/towns of minority concentration. In their meeting held on 26.11.2013, advisory had been issued to State Governments in the matter and 15 States have given response.</p> <p>The Department under M/o Health & Family Welfare focuses on addressing the unmet needs for contraception through basket of choices, which are made available to all the citizens in the country. Responsibilities have also been given to ASHAS to deliver contraceptives at door step of the clients. This scheme was launched in 233 high focus Districts of 17 States on 17.07.2011. However, the scheme has now been expanded to the entire country.</p>	<p>Implemented. However action taken is a continuous process.</p>
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