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Introduction:

Muslims, being a minority in India, represent more than 14% of the total population. Research carried out by the social scientists in previous years, have proclaimed the startling Socio-Economic and educational status of Muslims. The facts shown in those particular researches are that Muslim community is trailing behind, as compared to other minorities in India. Muslims are even far backward than the scheduled caste and scheduled tribes in many aspects.¹ Muslims declared as Backward community in India.²

According to "Sachchar Committee Report", "Muslims lie backward at the extreme margin in all aspects of life (Socio-Economic and educational as well). It's been derived from the numerical percentages regarding, educational status of Indian Muslims that, the position is extremely deprived, whether in terms of primary level or higher education level, compared to other communities. For example, the literacy rate among Muslims is, 59.1% in 2001. It was far below the