

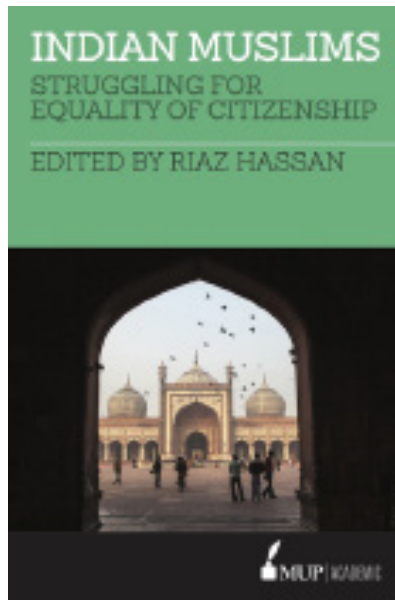
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Research shows that Indian Muslims have not been equal beneficiaries of India's economic growth. They experience higher levels of development and equity deficits compared to other minority groups. Their socioeconomic status is not very different from that of the Dalits—the lowest rank caste group in contemporary Indian society. Indian Muslims are also predicted to become the largest Muslim population in the world by 2050. This increase in numbers might exacerbate their relative deprivation, creating social and political conditions that could undermine the stability of the country's democracy and make Indian Muslims a security threat, which would have national and global ramifications.

This book examines the struggle for equality of citizenship of Indian Muslims in light of the release of the Sachar Committee report of 2006, which sparked widespread awareness of socioeconomic disparity and exclusion of religious minorities in India, especially Muslims. The contributors to this book are some of the most eminent social scientists in the fields of applied economics, politics, sociology and demography who work on Indian issues.

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