

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5544
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2000
CHANGING THE NAME OF WEST BENGAL
LAKSHMAN CHANDRA SETH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal has sought the permission of the Union Government to change the name of West Bengal;
and

(b) if so, the details in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a)&(b): The Government of West Bengal has requested the Government of India to take such steps as may be necessary under article 3(e) of the Constitution of India for renaming 'West Bengal' as 'Bangla'. The proposal is under examination.