

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF BACKWARD CASTES OF BIHAR IN THE LIST OF SCHEDULED CASTES

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Nonian, Mallah, Tatwa, Tanti and Turha castes in Bihar have been included in the list of the most Backward Caste;
- (b) whether the social, economic and educational condition of these castes are in itself sufficient to make them a strong case for their inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes;
- (c) whether the organization representing these castes have been making such demand constantly;
- (d) whether social study groups and State Government have also recommended to include these castes in the list of Scheduled Castes; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government to include the aforesaid five castes in the list of Scheduled Caste?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT(DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) As per Gazette Notification No. 186 dated 13.9.1993, the castes Nunia, Nonia (not Nonian), Mallah, Tatwa, Tanti and Turha have been included in the Central lists of Other Backward Classes for Bihar.

(b) to (e) The Government of Bihar based on the report of the Tribal Welfare Research Institute, Ranchi had sent their recommendations for the inclusion of Nunia (not Nonian) community in the list of Scheduled Castes but in the absence of requisite ethnographic details, the State Government has been requested to furnish the same for further examination of the proposal as per approved modalities. As regards, Mallah community, in connection with a Private Member Bill, the Government of Bihar has been requested to send their views for inclusion of this community in the list of Scheduled Castes and that the views of the State Government are still awaited. Regarding inclusion of Tanti, Tatwe (not Tatwa) and Turaha (not Turha) castes in the list of Scheduled Castes in Bihar, the State Government of Bihar has been requested to send their comments and necessary ethnographic details. The requisite information from the State Government of Bihar is still awaited.