

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1051
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2000
SCHEDULED CASTES STATUS TO DALIT MUSLIMS
ANNA SAHEB M.K. PATIL

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

- (a) whether the Government have received a demand for grant of Scheduled Caste status to Dalit Muslims from All India Backward Muslims Morcha to enable them to avail of equal opportunities as available to dalits of other religions; and
- (b) If so, the details thereof and action proposed to be taken by the Government thereon; and
- (c) If not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
SMT. MANEKA GANDHI

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The matter regarding grant of Scheduled Castes status to Dalit Muslims is being examined.
- (c) Does not arise.