

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1453  
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GRANTS TO SHIA/SUNNI WAKF BOARDS  
MAHESHWAR SINGH

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

- (a) whether the Shia and Sunni WakfBoards get Annual grants from the Government;
- (b) if so, the grants given to them during each of the last two years;
- (c) whether the Chairman and other office bearers of Wakf Boards are leasing out the land of several Kabristans especially in kullu district of Himachal Pradesh despite a ban in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to check such activities and the actions taken against the guilty persons associated with Wakf Boards?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY IN SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI)

(a) & (b) The Central Government does not provide any grants to Shia and Sunni Wakf Boards. However, annual grants have been provided to Sma and Sunni WakfBoards by the concerned State Governments as per Annexure-I.

(c) & (d) None of the Chairmen and other office bearers of the Wakf Boards have leased out the land of Kabristans. However, the erstwhile Punjab Wakf Board had leased out only some portion of Khasra No. 1726 situated at innerAkhara Bazar, Kullu, which is adjacent to a Kabristan to 12 different persons reserving an area of 5186.20 sq. yards for the running Kabristan.

**ANNEXURE I**

Year-wise Grants

State (Rupees in Lakhs)

2001-02 2002-03

Andhra Pradesh	512	476
Andaman & Nicobar	6.00	7.565
Arunachal Pradesh	Nil	Nil
Assam	4.60	4.60
Bihar	5.00	5.00 (for Shia Wakf Board) # 15.00 (for Sunni Wakf Board)
Delhi	44.00	20.00
Goa	Nil	Nil
Gujarat	Nil	Nil
Haryana	Nil	Nil
H.P.	Nil	Nil
Karnataka	415	610
Kerala	20	20
Lakshadweep	15	15
M.P.	57.45	60.00
Maharashtra	Nil	Nil
Manipur	3.00	5.00
Meghalaya	0.123	0.123
Orissa	11.10	14.00
Pondicherry	25.00	30.00
Punjab	Nil	Nil
Rajasthan	Nil	Nil
Tamil Nadu	45.00	45.00
Trinura	39.00	Nil
UP	40.50	25.80 (Sunni Wakf Board) #

3.07 5.34 (Shia Wakf Board)

West Bengal	48.88	53.93
Daman	Nil	Nil
Dadra & N.Haveli	Nil	Nil
Mizoram	Nil	Nil
Chandigarh	Nil	Nil
Nagaland	Nil	Nil
Sikkim	Nil	Nil

# = Separate Shia and Sunni Wakf Boards have been constituted only in U.P. and Bihar.