

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY ON MINORITIES
Athithan Shri Dhanuskodi

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a national survey has been conducted to ascertain the social and economic condition of the minority communities in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIR (A.R. ANTULAY)

(a),(b) and (c) Though no national survey has so far been conducted, the Government has already constituted a National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities to suggest criteria for identification of socially and economically backward sections among religious and linguistic minorities and to recommend measures for welfare of socially and economically backward sections among religious and linguistic minorities, including reservation in education and government employment. Further decision would be taken on receipt of the Report.