

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:498

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EXPANSION OF MINORITY COMMUNITIES .

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to expand the scope of definition of minority communities under the relevant provision in the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 to bring more linguistic and religious groups under its purview;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this regard so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY):

(a) No final decision has yet been taken.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.