

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ENLISTING OF RELIGIOUS GROUPS AS MINORITY COMMUNITY

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any measures to discourage the practice of enlisting the religious groups as minority community; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b) .The following religious communities were notified as minority communities under Section 2(c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 :-

1. Muslims
2. Christians
3. Sikhs
4. Buddhists 5. Zoroastrians (Parsis)

There is, at present, no proposal to enlist other religious groups as minority community immediately. It must, however, be added that the National Commission for Minorities, in its Annual Report (or the year 1994-95, has recommended `Jains` to be notified as religious minority community.