

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4109
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RELIGIOUS CONVERSIONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether religious conversions have been reported from some States;
- (b) if so, the details there of during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to stop religious conversions by force in the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

- (a): No specific reports have been received from the States in this regard. Reports do appear, from time to time, regarding religious conversions in the media.
- (b): Does not arise, in view of the above.
- (c): 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India, and hence prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes are primarily the concerns of the State Governments/UT Administrations. Action is taken as per existing laws by the law enforcing agencies whenever instances of violation come to notice.