

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2843  
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INCLUSION OF IDENTIFIED COMMUNITIES IS SC LIST  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposals/representations from Government of West Bengal and various organizations of the State to include some identified communities in the list of Scheduled Castes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering those proposals/representations; and
- (d) if so, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (D. NAPOLEON)

(a) to (d):- Government of West Bengal has proposed inclusion of 'Bansphor' and 'Layak' communities in the list of Scheduled Castes in West Bengal. These are processed as per approved Modalities and no time frame is prescribed therein.