

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4141  
ANSWERED ON:19.08.2010  
DECLINE OF MINORITY POPULATION  
Abdulrahman Shri

**Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that the population of some of the minority communities is declining in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that concerned with the dwindling population of some minority communities, the Government has submitted a proposal to the Planning Commission in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details of the proposal; and
- (e) the current status of said proposal?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SALMAN KHURSHID)

(a) and (b) Yes, Madam. The population of Parsi community has declined from 76,382 in 1991 to 69,000 in 2001 as per Census population data.

(c) to (e) Yes, Madam. In-principle approval of Planning Commission on the proposed scheme for containing population decline of small minority community was sought. The scheme envisaged, inter-alia, providing financial assistance for infertility treatment including medicines to infertile young Parsi couples and for screening of female child for detection of disease that result in infertility. The Planning Commission has presently not found justification for granting in-principle approval to the proposed scheme.