

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1174

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DEMAND ON CASTE BASED CENSUS

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any demand from various State Governments, political parties/ organisations including regional parties to conduct caste based census in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a): Yes Madam.

(b): Demands for conducting caste census in the country were raised inside Parliament during the preceding budget session as well as by various interest groups outside including some State Governments/State Government Organizations and Political Parties.

The Government has decided to canvass 'caste' of all persons as returned by them as a separate exercise after the population enumeration phase of the 2011 Census is over, from the month of June 2011 and complete it in a phased manner by September 2011