

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL DATA BANK
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National data bank, as recommended by Sachar Committee, has been maintained;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINSITER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) : Data on social group and religion are being collected in the Population Censuses conducted by Registrar General of India and sample surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization. These data provide some information of minorities in the country. A web page (mospi.gov.in/national_data_bank/index.htm) for a National Data Bank has been created in the Ministry's website (mospi.gov.in) and links to various available reports on Socio-Religious Categories (SRCs) have been provided.

(b): The reports already available and linked with the National Data Bank web pages are:

- a. Tables from Census 2001 giving data for various religious groups
- b. National Sample Survey reports dealing with social and religious groups from different surveys

(c): Not applicable.