

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:840  
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2011  
NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES  
Pakkirappa Shri S.

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

- (a) the number of complaints received by the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) about people getting job with fake Scheduled Tribe (ST) certificates;
- (b) whether the NCST has investigated these false ST certificates; (
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the status of investigation in this regard; and
- (d) the number of cases of people who sought benefits after converting to Christianity?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

- (a) to (c): The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has informed that the verification of the caste certificate of people for getting jobs does not fall under its mandate. Hence the desired information is not being maintained by the Commission in the ordinary course of its functioning;
- (d): A member of the Scheduled Tribe may profess any religion. As such benefits availed by them are not dependent/ related upon religion. Hence, such data is not maintained in the Ministry.