

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3638
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2011
RESERVATION IN GOVERNMENT AND NON GOVERNMENTAL JOBS
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of minorities in the country as on date, category-wise;
- (b) the percentage of reservation in Government and Non-Governmental jobs fixed by the Government for the minorities, category-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has recently received the proposal from the Government of Uttar Pradesh regarding providing reservation to the Muslims according to their population in Government jobs and at other places; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a): Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis) have been notified as Minority Communities under Section 2 (c) of National Commission for Minorities (NCM) Act, 1992. The category wise number as per census 2001 is given as under:-

S.No. Religious Communities Population (in lakhs)

1. Muslims 1381.88

2. Christians 240.80

3. Sikhs 192.15

4. Buddhists 79.55

5. Zoroastrians 0.7
(Parsis)

(b): No reservation exclusively for minorities has been fixed by the Government. However, some minorities who are enlisted in the Central OBC list are enjoying the benefits of OBC reservation.

(c): A communication dated 14th September, 2011 was received from the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister mentioning for consideration for reservation for minorities in general and Muslims in particular.

(d): A response has been sent to this communication on 24th October, 2011 mentioning that while the Central Government is fully seized of the matter, the Government of Uttar Pradesh may consider to take appropriate steps for providing reservation to minorities

in Uttar Pradesh like it has been done by some State Governments for their respective States.