

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3830
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BUDDHISTS RESIDING IN MONASTERIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Indian origin and foreign Buddhists residing in the Buddhist monasteries of border States like Arunachal Pradesh and Ladakh;
- (b) whether the citizenship of Buddhists of foreign origin has been verified;
- (c) if so, the countries they hail from and the objective of their stay in the country;
- (d) whether they pose any threat to the national security; and
- (e) if so, the details of the action taken/likely to be taken against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

- (a): No religion-wise centralized database is maintained for Indian origin and Foreign Buddhists.
- (b) & (c): The question does not arise.
- (d) to (e): There is no specific instance available with this Ministry.