

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3304
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DECLARATION OF JAIN COMMUNITY AS MINORITY
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for not declaring Jain community as a minority even though it is a totally independent and separate religion like Islam, Christianity and Hindu religion;
- (b) whether it is appropriate to pave way for welfare activities to serve the interests of other minorities by ignoring the followers of Jain religion who are original natives of India; and
- (c) if not, the time by which the Jain community is likely to be declared as a minority community on the basis of their number?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (NINONG ERING)

- (a)to (c): The matter regarding declaring Jain as a minority community is sub- judice.