

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3904
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2012
INCLUSION OF RAI SIKH COMMUNITY INTO SC
Ghubaya Shri Sher Singh

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Rai Sikhs community is recognised as Scheduled Caste in the State of Punjab;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposal recently from State Governments of Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi, U.P. and Uttarakhand for inclusion of Rai Sikhs community in the list of Scheduled Caste;
- (c) if so, the details of these proposals made therein; and
- (d) the time by which said proposals are likely to be accepted by Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(PORIKI BALRAM NAIK)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Out of the States mentioned in part (b) of the question, only the Government of Uttarakhand has recommended inclusion of Rai Sikh community in the list of Scheduled Castes of that State. Since, the State Government did not furnish the required ethnographic details in support of their proposal, it has been requested to furnish the same.

(d): Time frame in such cases cannot be given, because these proposals are processed in accordance with the approved Modalities.