

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:749  
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SC STATUS TO CHRISTIANS AND MUSLIMS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of christians and muslims having dalit origin as per the latest Census available with the Government/ Ministry;
- (b) whether the Government has received any representations/requests for giving Scheduled Caste status to christians and muslims of dalit origin; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

- (a) The available data of 2011 Census does not provide for this information.
- (b) & (c) There have been demands/requests from various quarters to grant Scheduled Caste status to those converts to Christianity and Islam, who may have originally belonged to castes which are currently specified as Scheduled Castes. Presently the matter is sub-judice in the Supreme Court.