

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4536
ANSWERED ON:21.02.2014
INCLUSION OF CASTES OF BIHAR IN ST LIST
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Bihar has recommended to include Nonia, Mallah, Dhanuk, Mali, Kewat, Beend, Lohar and other castes in the list of Scheduled Tribes (STs) and the Institute of social Studies has also favourably recommended in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SMT. RANEE NARAH)

- (a): No, Madam. This Ministry has not received recommendation from the State Government of Bihar for inclusion of Nonia, Mallah, Dhanuk, Mali, Kewat, Beend, and Lohar in the list of Scheduled Tribes (STs) of Bihar.
- (b) & (c): In view of (a) above do not arise.