GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINORITY AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4435 ANSWERED ON:20.02.2014 SETTING UP OF MINORITY COMMISSIONS Semmalai Shri S.

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether several States/Union Territories are yet to set up the minority commissions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Union Government to set up these commissions in the remaining States/UTs?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b) The National Commission for Minorities has informed that the following States / UTs are yet to set up the State Minorities Commission: Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Sikkim & UTs of Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Lakshadweep & Puducherry. As regards the State of Tripura, it is stated that the State has passed a Bill in this regard which awaits assent of the President. Further, the NCM Act does not extend to the State of Jammu and Kashmir.
- (c) The matter is being pursued with the State Governments for constitution of Minorities Commission in the States where they do not exist.