

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MINORITY STATUS FOR KASHMIRI PANDITS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received representations for according minority status to Kashmiri Pandits;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to accord minority status to Kashmiri Pandits; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIBHAI PARATHIBHAI CHAUDHARY)

(a) & (b): Representations have been received from various associations of Kashmiri Pandits for according minority status for Kashmiri Pandits in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. These representations have been sent to the State of Jammu and Kashmir as the issue of declaring any community as minority in the State of Jammu and Kashmir comes under the purview of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) & (d): No proposal for according minority status to Kashmiri Pandits is under consideration of the Government.