

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2877
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NATIONAL MINORITIES COMMISSION
Bhamre Dr. Subhash Ramrao

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to strengthen and empower the National Commission for Minorities in various States including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said commissions are likely to be empowered?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a)to(c) National Commission for Minorities (NCM) has its Headquarters in New Delhi and the Commission has no Zonal/Regional Offices in the States/UTs. However, NCM is pursuing the matter of formation of State Minority Commissions with different States where they do not exist. Maharashtra has constituted a statutory State Minority Commission consisting of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and 9 Members. Empowerment of Minority Commissions established by the States is the subject matter of the States.