

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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ST STATUS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the population of people of Tripuri origin speaking Kok-Borok or Kau-Bru language who are residing in Assam (Barak Valley) and Mizoram since time immemorial, area-wise;
- (b) whether it is a fact that most of them have been denied Scheduled Tribe status and if so, the details and reasons therefor; and
- (c) whether the Government has issued any advisory to the concerned States to expedite the process of giving ST status so that the poor tribals are able to avail the benefit of STs and Forest Rights etc. and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has informed that community-wise or Linguistic group population record is not maintained. As per the Government of India modalities for deciding claims for inclusion in, exclusion from and other modification in the Orders specifying Scheduled Tribes, the proposal of the concerned State Government is a pre-requisite. There is no such proposal from the State Government concerned.