

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4935  
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2014  
LINGAYAT COMMUNITY  
Chandrappa Shri B.N.

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has included Lingayat community/caste in the OBC category and has also recommended to the Union Government to grant minority status to the community; and

(b) if so, the decision taken by the Government in the matter?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)

(a): Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra has included the community in the OBC category. No proposal/recommendation to grant minority status to the Lingayat Community has been submitted to Union Government by the Government of Maharashtra.

(b) : Does not arise.