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Title: Need to appoint a Special Officer to study the problems faced by the microscopic minorities in the country.

SHRI CHARLES DIAS (NOMINATED): With India's population crossing more than 120 crores, the minorities in the country are feeling more and more insecure in some of the States. They have been neglected in matters of education, employment and welfare measures. In some States, they are even persecuted in the name of religion and caste. Even the Governments in some States are not bothered to protect the small minorities.

The Microscopic minorities like Anglo-Indians, Parsis, Jews etc. are struggling to survive in the country. The framers of our sacred Constitution has provided some protection to these kind of communities. But, they are still facing difficulties in competing with others and to survive. Even though, in the Prime Minister's 15 point Programme, it is mentioned to provide due consideration to the minorities in matters of certain appointments, it is still a matter of concern that adequate appointments and welfare measures are not reaching to these people. In view of this, I urge the Government to appoint a Special Officer to study the problems faced by the microscopic minorities in the country and get his report within six months.