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Title: Need to take steps to include the Lambadis of Tamil Nadu in the Scheduled Tribes lists.

SHRI K.P. MOHAN* (DHARMAPURI) : Hon'ble Chairman Sir, the Lambadi tribal people in Tamil Nadu have not been included in the Scheduled Tribes list so far. As early as in 1989, a resolution was unanimously passed in Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly in this regard. The resolution urging the Union Government to have the Lambadis of Tamil Nadu included in the ST list was sent to the Government of India immediately then. But so far no action has been taken. At the same time, the Lambadis in other States are enjoying the benefits of this notification and related reservation facilities accrued to the Scheduled Tribes. The Lambadis of Tamil Nadu are socially and economically a most backward class. They are dwelling in forests and are toiling as agricultural labourers. I urge up on the Union Government to take necessary steps to include the Lambadis of Tamil Nadu in the Scheduled Tribes list. Thank you.

* Original in Tamil.