

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1714  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13-02-2019**

**Demands of Lingayat Samaj People**

**1714. SHRI RAJU SHETTY:**

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the demands of the Lingayat Samaj people for recognition as religion;
- (b) if so, the progress made for solving their issue; and
- (c) the reasons for not solving the said issue/meeting the demands of the said community so far?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a)to(c) A request from Government of Karnataka regarding recognition of Lingayats and Veerashavias who follow Basavanna's philosophy and teaching, as a religious minority was received in this Ministry. The same was examined in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs and National Commission for Minorities (NCM). Based on the views received from Ministry of Home Affairs & NCM, the request of Government of Karnataka was not acceded to and decision has been communicated to the Government of Karnataka.

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