

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3041
ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025

CONCERNS OF SIKH ORGANIZATIONS

3041. SMT. HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken to address concerns raised by Sikh organizations in Punjab;
- (b) the measures implemented to protect religious sentiments;
- (c) the initiatives taken to promote communal harmony in the State; and
- (d) the details of any inter-faith dialogue programmes conducted during the last two months?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJIU)

(a) & (b): Petitions of minorities including Sikh community are received by the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) under the Ministry of Minority Affairs. Further, petitions are also received during interactions while undertaking tours/ visits of the Commission. These petitions are taken up with the authorities / State Governments concerned for necessary action.

(c): Law and Order are subjects under the State List in the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India and State Governments are responsible for prevention, detection and investigation of such crimes and for prosecuting criminals through the law. Further, to promote communal harmony, Hon'ble Chairman and Members of the NCM hold regular meetings with the representatives of the minority communities. They also visit regularly to the States / UTs for holding 'Sarv Dharm Samvad' and 'Sarv Dharm Sadbhavna' meetings.

(d): The details of the inter-faith dialogues / Sarv Dharm Samvad conducted by the NCM during the last two months in Punjab are at **Annexure-I**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3041 FOR ANSWER ON 19.03.2025 REGARDING 'CONCERNS OF SIKH ORGANIZATIONS' ASKED BY SMT. HARSIMRAT KAUR BADAL

The details of inter-faith dialogues /SarvDharamSamvad conducted during the last two months in Punjab.

Sr. No.	Subject	Held on
1	Meeting with the Sikh Minority Community at Patiala District	11.01.2025
2	Meeting with the Sikh Minority community at Gurdaspur District	11.02.2025
3	Meeting with the Sikh Minority community at Amritsar District	11.02.2025
