

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:301
ANSWERED ON:22.07.2003
STUDIES OF CHURCHES AND MOSQUES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Census Department has taken any decision to conduct separate studies on Churches and Mosques in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details of the Questionnaire prepared therefor;
- (c) the purpose of the studies;
- (d) whether such community-wise studies is against the constitutional provisions; and
- (e) if so, the facts in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND)

- (a): Yes, Sir. A social study similar to the study of Temples of Kerala undertaken earlier by the Census department, is being taken up as a part of the inter-censal project.
- (b): A copy of the Questionnaire for the preliminary survey is laid on the table of the House.
- (c): the preliminary purpose of the study is to list the churches and mosques and then study a few of them in further detail documenting their history, antiquity, myths and legends, architecture, and interaction with the society and people at large.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e): Does not arise.