

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1776  
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**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are considering to include Halba Koshti in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Maharashtra as a synonym of Halba and Halbi by making suitable amendment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) According to the report of the Government of Maharashtra, the Halba Koshtis have no affinity with Halbas or Halbis, which are Scheduled Tribes in the State of Maharashtra.