

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2524
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INCLUSION IN ST LIST
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Himachal Pradesh has requested the Union Government to include Lavana Caste in the Scheduled Tribes List;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and :
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM):

(a) to (c) The Government of Himachal Pradesh has recommended inclusion of the Labana community in the list of Scheduled Tribes. The recommendation has been processed as per the modalities approved for deciding such claims. No time frame can be indicated at this stage, as the inclusion of communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes can only be effected through an Act of Parliament.