

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3362  
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2001  
INCLUSION OF COMMUNITIES IN ST LIST  
P.C. THOMAS

**Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether several communities in Kerala have requested the Government to include them in the list of Scheduled Tribes;
- (b) if so, the details of such communities; and
- (c) the reasons of the Union Government in case of each of them?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM) :

(a) to (c) 58 communities have represented to the Government for their inclusion in the Scheduled Tribes list of Kerala on the ground that they possess tribal characteristics.