

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF BUDDHIST IN SCS LIST
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any discussion has been held recently on the issue of non-inclusion of Buddhist population in Scheduled Castes list in the country;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) whether any survey to find out from the cross classification the number of persons who are Buddhist by religion but have not written as Scheduled Castes has been started; and
- (d) if so, the details and present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

- (a) No Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) & (d) The tabulation plan of 2001 Census provides for tabulating the data on Scheduled Caste by their religion.