

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2950
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2007
LOHAR COMMUNITY IN STs LIST
Mehta Shri Bhubneshwar Prasad

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Lohar community in Bihar and Jharkhand has been notified as Lohar in Hindi and Loahara in English in the Scheduled Tribes community from 1950 to till date;
- (b) if so whether report of Backward Classes Commission of India, 1955 and the second report of 1975 of Bihar and Jharkhand Backward Commission and information Bulletin No. 1984 of Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC), the Loahara word in English has been reflected as Lohar in Hindi in the notified list of Scheduled Tribes of all Union and State Governments record evidences; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) to (c): No Sir. On the recommendation of the first Backward Classes Commission, 1955 'Lohra' community was included in the Scheduled Tribes List of Bihar, vide the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1956. The item stood as 'Lohara or Lohra' at Item 20 of the list of Scheduled Tribes of Bihar (both in English & Hindi).

The name 'Lohara' in the English version, was wrongly translated as "लहारा" in the Hindi version of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Act, 1976. This has been amended vide the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Act, 2006 [No. 48 of 2006] dated 13-12-2006.