

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2049

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WELFARE OF RELIGIOUS AND LINGUISTIC MINORITIES

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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has appointed a National Commission to recommend the measures for welfare of socially and economically backward sections among religious and linguistic minorities;
- (b) if so, any progress has been made so far; and
- (c) the date from which it will be functional?

Answer

MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS(A.R. ANTULAY)

(a) to (c): A National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities (NCRLM) was set up in October, 2004 to suggest criteria for identification of socially and economically backward sections among religious and linguistic minorities and to recommend measures for their welfare, including reservation in education and government employment and to suggest the necessary constitutional, legal and administrative modalities, as required for the implementation of their recommendations. Subsequently, the Commission was asked to give its recommendations on the issues raised in W.P 180/04 and 94/05 filed in the Supreme Court and in certain High Courts relating to para 3 of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, in the context of ceiling of 50% reservation as also the modalities of inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes and to prepare a White Paper on the status of the minority communities other than Muslims.

The Commission submitted its report to government in May, 2007.