

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2835
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2005
INCLUSION OF CASTES IN ST LIST OF MAHARASHTRA
Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra to include Halba, Mana and Govari Communities in the list of scheduled tribes; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) & (b) The Halba Community has been notified as scheduled tribe (ST), which is listed at Sl. No. 19 of the existing list of STs of Maharashtra State. The proposals for inclusion of Mana and Govari Communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Maharashtra have not received from the State Government.