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Title : Need to include 'Marathi' community of Kasargod and Hosdurg Talukas in Kerala in the Scheduled Tribes list.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): The Marathi Community in the Kasargod and Hosdurg Talukas in Kerala had been included in the list of Scheduled Caste from 1952 onwards but without any proper reason they were excluded from the list in the year 2002 whereas the same community in Karnataka, very near to Kasargod, is still in the STs list and they are getting all the benefits. As a result of exclusion from the STs list, all benefits of STs Community are denied to the poor community in Kerala. The characteristics of tribe community such as primitive nature, educational and social backwardness and geographical isolation are still prevailing in the community. The Government of Kerala, SC/ST Commission & National Minority Commission have strongly recommended to include them in the STs list. There is no justification to exclude them from the STs list on any ground. I, therefore, urge upon the Government to take necessary measures to include them in the STs list without further delay.