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CONSTITUTION OF A NATIONAL DATA BANK

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Will the Minister of COALMINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Sachar Committee Report has recommended compilation of a National Data Bank (NDB) where all relevant data for various socio- religious categories would be maintained;
- (b) the steps Government proposes to take in order to create such a database;
- (c) whether Government is considering the formation of a similar committee to study deprivation and marginalization among other minorities, particularly christians in the country;
- (d) whether any databse already exists that depict the situation of minorities in the country and the States; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

(VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) and (b): Yes, Sir. One of the decisions of the Government on the follow-up action on the recommendations of the Sachar Committee was to set up a National Data Bank (NDB). This has been set up in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. A web portal of NDB has been created in the website of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (www.mospi.gov.in) containing reports and tables based on the data on social group and religion collected in the Population Census and National Sample Surveys.

(c) to (e): Reports and Tables, based on the data on social groups and religion counted in the Population Census and National Sample Surveys, are available in the web portal of NDB. However, there is no proposal at present to study deprivation and marginalization among other minorities, particularly christians in the country.