

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.319
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2015**

Scheme for development of hill-based minority community people

319. SHRI DEREK O' BRIEN :

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has launched any schemes for the welfare and development of Lapchas, Tamangs and other hill-based minority community people in the country, particularly in West Bengal; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

(a)& (b) No Sir, Ministry of Minority Affairs has not launched any scheme for the welfare and development of Lepchas, Tamangs and other hill-based minority community people in the country, particularly in West Bangal and other part of the country . The Lapchas, Tamangs are not notified as minority communities by the Central Government under Section 2(c) of National Commission of Minorities Act 1992.
