

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2607
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03-01-2018**

Minority Status to Jews

2607. SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total population of Jews in India, State wise;
- (b) whether the Government has recognised the need to grant minority status to the members of the Jewish community in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether members of the Jewish community have received minority status in the States of Maharashtra and West Bengal; and
- (e) if so, the rationale behind granting minority status to Jews by the said States?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a) There is no separate categorization of Jews in the population Census 2011. They have been included in the category of “others”, therefore, exclusive population figure of Jews as per census 2011 is not available. However, the State/UT wise population of Jews/Judaism religious community as per Census 2001 is attached at Annexure-I.
- (b)&(c) So far, the Central Government has not granted minority status to the Jewish community.
- (d)&(e) Central Government declares a communities as ‘Minorities’ under Section 2(c) of National Commission for Minorities (NCM) Act, 1992 in the context of India as a whole. Declaration of minority community within the State is the subject matter of the State Government concerned. As per information made available by NCM, State Government of Maharashtra has declared Jews as Minority while State of West Bengal has not declared Jews as Minority.

ANNEXURE-I

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2607 for 03-01-2018 asked by SHRIMATI POONAM MAHAJAN regarding “Minority Status to Jews”.

S.No.	State Code	Name of the State	Population		
			Persons	Males	Females
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	05	UTTARANCHAL	1	0	1
2	07	DELHI	23	11	12
3	08	RAJASTHAN	30	15	15
4	09	UTTAR PRADESH	33	15	18
5	10	BIHAR	1	1	0
6	13	NAGALAND	71	34	37
7	14	MANIPUR	859	435	424
8	15	MIZORAM	805	394	411
9	17	MEGHALAYA	5	5	0
10	18	ASSAM	38	20	18
11	19	WEST BENGAL	43	18	25
12	20	JHARKHAND	11	4	7
13	21	ORISSA	1	0	1
14	23	MADHYA PRADESH	18	7	11
15	24	GUJARAT	134	57	77
16	27	MAHARASHTRA	2466	1192	1274
17	28	ANDHRA PRADESH	1	1	0
18	29	KARNATAKA	21	10	11
19	30	GOA	14	7	7
20	32	KERALA	64	30	34
21	33	TAMIL NADU	8	3	5
22	34	PONDICHERRY	3	2	1
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