

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3720
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2018**

ANTHROPOLOGICAL PROFILE OF COMMUNITIES

**3720. SHRI D.K. SURESH:
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:**

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government through the Anthropological Survey of India (ASI) is conducting studies on all the communities of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is a huge information gap on a very large number of communities and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government is taking any steps to make a list of all communities and their status at present and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total number of communities listed by the ASI till date along with the details of the updated anthropological profile of all the communities in the country; State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE & MINISTER OF STATE FOR ENVIRONMENT,
FOREST & CLIMATE CHANGE
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)**

(a) to (d): The Anthropological Survey of India had conducted the project of studying 'People of India' during 1985 to 1992 and identified altogether 4635 number of communities spread along with the length and breadth of the country. The reports of this prestigious study have already been published as different books of introductory volumes and State wise volumes.

After that no such research project was undertaken to conduct the study of all the communities of the country at time. Presently, the research projects and studies are primarily conducted on selected communities with specific aims and objectives related to the projects.

(e): The Survey covered 4635 numbers of communities till date. The updated anthropological profile of all communities State /Union Territory wise have been published in 43 volumes in book form entitled "People of India".