

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †2077
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2018**

DATA ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BACKWARD CLASSES

†2077. SHRI ALOK SANJAR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any data regarding socially and economically backward classes is available in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, whether the Government proposes to collect data to identify such classes for successful implementation of various development schemes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the norms for such identification?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)**

(a) to (d): No data regarding socially and economically backward classes is available. The Registrar General of India has intimated that it conducts decadal population Census, wherein data is collected on all persons living in India at the time of Census. However, data on backward classes are not separately collected in Census.
