

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1047
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2018
ST LIST OF KERALA

1047. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revise the Schedule of Scheduled Tribes, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it comes to the notice of the Government that the certain deserving categories are not included in the Schedule, if so, the details of the study conducted by the Government to find out the deserving classes of tribes in various States;
- (c) whether the Government has received recommendation from State Government of Kerala to include Vedan Gothram in Kerala State in the Schedule of Scheduled Tribes, if so, the action taken thereon;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide the status of Scheduled Tribes to the Vedan Gothram in Kerala State, if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) The present stage of file regarding the recommendation of the Government of Kerala to include Vedan Gothram as a tribe community in the schedule of Scheduled Tribes?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)&(b) The Government on 15.06.1999 (further amended on 25.06.2002) has laid down the modalities for deciding the claims for inclusion in, exclusion from and other modifications in Orders specifying Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes lists. As per the modalities, only those proposals which have been recommended and justified by the concerned State Government/ UT Administration and concurred with by the Registrar General of India (RGI) and the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) are to be considered and legislation amended.

(c) Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not received recommendation from State Government of Kerala to include Vedan Gothram community in the Scheduled Tribes list of Kerala.

(d)&(e) As per extant modalities recommendation of State Government is a pre-requisite to process a proposal further.
