

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1445  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19-12-2018**

**Religious Status to Lingayat Community**

1445. SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any representation from the Government of Telangana for granting separate/independent religion status to Lingayat community in the State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to consider the said proposal from the State of Telangana; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the separate/independent religion status to the Lingayat community of the State is likely to be granted?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) No, Madam. No request from the Government of Telangana for granting separate/independent religion status to Lingayat community in the State has been received in this Ministry.
- (b) to (d): Does not arise.

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