

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5397
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25-07-2019**

Standard for being Minority

5397 SHRI MUKESH RAJPUT:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government will clarify the standard in terms of population percentage to be recognised as minority if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the population of Sikhs, Christians, Jains, Buddhists and Muslims minority in the country?

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

- (a) The Central Government notifies minority communities in consultation with various stakeholders under Section 2(c) of National Commission for Minorities (NCM) Act, 1992.
- (b) The population of Sikhs, Christians, Jains, Buddhists and Muslims in the country, as per Census 2011, is as given below:-

| Sr. No. | Community | Population |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Sikhs | 2,08,33,116 |
| 2 | Christians | 2,78,19,588 |
| 3 | Jains | 44,51,753 |
| 4 | Buddhists | 84,42,972 |
| 5 | Muslims | 17,22,45,158 |
