

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED NO- †3179
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 20/03/2023

RESERVATION BENEFITS TO ST

†3179. SHRI DEEPAK BAIJ:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals have been received by the Government during the last five years from Chhattisgarh for correction in the spellings of number of castes;
- (b) whether several castes of Chhattisgarh are not getting the reservation benefits of Scheduled Tribes due to differences in spelling and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken on the proposals received from the State Government?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is the nodal Ministry for issuance of Notification of a community as Scheduled Tribe under Article 342 of the Constitution. However, the responsibility for issuance of Scheduled Tribe Certificate and verification of social status rests with the concerned State Government / UT Administration.

A bill namely, the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Orders (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2022 was introduced in Lok Sabha on 9.12.2022 and passed by Lok Sabha on 21.12.2022. The Bill is under consideration in Rajya Sabha. The Bill proposes to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Tribe) Order 1950 with respect to the State of Chhattisgarh to give effect to the following inclusions:

- i. Bhuinya (भूईया), Bhuiyan (भूईयाँ), Bhuyan (भूयाँ) as synonyms of Bharia Bhumia (भारिया भूमिया) at entry No. 5.
- ii. Correction of भारिया (Bharia) as भरिया (Bharia) without changing its English version, namely Bharia at entry No. 5
- iii. Pando (पंडो, पण्डो, पन्डो) along with Pando (पांडो) as variant Devnagari version of Pando at entry No. 5
- iv. Dhanuhar/Dhanuwar (धनुहार/धनुवार) as synonyms of Dhanwar (धनवार) at entry No. 14
- v. गदबा (Gadba, Gadaba) at entry No. 15 in ST list without change in English text
- vi. Gond (गोंड) along with Gond (गौंड) as variant Devnagari version entry at No. 16

- vii. Kond (कोंद) alongwih Kondh (कोंध) at entry No. 23
- viii. Kodaku (कोडाकु) along with Kodaku (कोडाकु) as a variant Devanagari version of Kodaku at entry No. 27
- ix. Kisan (किसान) as synonym of Nagesia (नगेसिया), Nagasia (नागासिया) at entry No. 32
- x. Rectification of ‘धनगढ़’ (Dhangad) in Hindi version notified at entry No. 33 by substitution with ‘धांगड़’ (Dhangad)
- xi. Saunra (सौंरा), Saonra (संवरा) as synonyms of Sawar (सावर), Sawara (सवरा) at entry No. 41
- xii. Binjhia (बिंझिया) at entry No. 43
