

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3287**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH MARCH, 2021/ PHALGUNA 25, 1942 (SAKA)

MARATHI SPEAKING PEOPLE AT KARNATAKA-MAHARASHTRA BORDER

†3287. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the native language of the major portion of population residing at the Karnataka-Maharashtra Border areas is Marathi;**
- (b) the names of the main cities/villages having such a population;**
- (c) whether there is a long-standing demand to make the Marathi dominated region at the Maharashtra- Karnataka Border a Union territory;**
- (d) if so, whether any representation has been received by the Union Government in this regard;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof;**
- (f) whether the Government proposes to declare the said Marathi dominated region as Union Territory;**
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (h) the immediate steps being taken by the Union Government to safeguard the interests of the Marathi speaking population?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)

(a) to (b): As per Census 2011, Marathi speaking population in border sub-districts of Maharashtra-Karnataka is 55,98,325. In the towns / cities of Dudhani, Ichalkaranji, Kagal, Kamalnagar, Maindargi, Nipani, Sadalgi and Sankeshwar, Marathi speaking population were found during Census 2011.

(c) to (h) : Demands and representations have been received from time to time from various individuals and organisations to make the Marathi dominated area in Karnataka bordering Maharashtra as a Union Territory. However, no such proposal is under consideration.
