

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2719
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2022

AMENDMENT TO DEFINE THE TERM MINORITY

2719. SHRI SHYAM SINGH YADAV

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to bring an amendment to the Constitution of India to define the term ‘minority’; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) to (b) The term “Minority” as defined under Section 2(c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992, inter-alia states that “Minority”, means a community notified as such by the Central Government. The Central Government has so far notified six communities as Minority namely Christians, Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhists, Parsis and Jains under powers conferred by Section 2(c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992.

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