

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5313**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2022/ CHAITRA 15, 1944 (SAKA)**

**NGOs OF BUDDHIST MONASTIC (GONPA) INSTITUTIONS**

**5313. SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL:**

**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) of Buddhist Monastic (Gonpa) Institutions, which are imparting Nalanda Tradition of Education, are functional in the country, if so, the details thereof along with the curriculum and other activities being promoted by such Buddhist Gonpas/Monastic Institutions, State/ UT-wise;**

**(b) the population of Indian citizen Buddhist Monks and Nuns studying/living in such Institutions, State/UTwise;**

**(c) Whether the Government has any scheme of financial aid to support the education, medical and other expenses of Buddhist Monks and Nuns studying under such Monastic Institutions in the country;**

**(d) if so, the details thereof along with the Buddhist Monks who are residing in abroad;**

**(e) the total population of Buddhist Monks and Nuns of Ladakh residing in various Gonpas in Leh and Kargil District and studying in various institutions in the country, age-wise; and**

**(f) whether Union Territory of Ladakh has any scheme to support the education, scholarship, medical and other livelihood requirements of Buddhist Monks and Nuns and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI NITYANAND RAI)**

**(a) to (f): The data pertaining to the 'Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) of Buddhist Monastic (Gonpa) Institutions, which are imparting Nalanda Tradition of Education' is not maintained by the Ministry of Home Affairs. However, the Ministry of Culture administers the following 4 Buddhist educational Organizations:**

- i. Central Institute of Buddhist Studies (CIBS), Leh, UT of Ladakh (Deemed To Be University);**
- ii. Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda, Bihar (Deemed To Be University);**
- iii. Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies (CIHTS), Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh (Deemed To Be University); and**
- iv. Central Institute of Himalayan Culture Studies (CIHCS), Dahung, Arunachal Pradesh.**

**The CIBS has been imparting Nalanda Tradition of Education to its students since its inception. CIBS also runs 50 feeder schools (Gonpa Schools) in different Monasteries/Nunneries of Ladakh, J&K and Himachal Pradesh to provide the basic elementary education to the youth monks/nuns. The Institute has also established eight intuitional fellowships for Research Scholars. The research works are being**

**conducted in different subjects, i.e., Buddhist Philosophy, Himalayan Buddhist Culture and related areas.**

**The Census collects religion wise population figures but it does not show data reportedly on Indian citizen Buddhist monks and nuns. Details of religion-wise population are available online at [https://censusindia.gov.in/2011census/Religion\\_pca/RL-0000.xlsx](https://censusindia.gov.in/2011census/Religion_pca/RL-0000.xlsx) . The data regarding the Buddhist Monks who are residing abroad is also not maintained by the Ministry of Home Affairs.**

**The Ministry of Culture also administers “Scheme of Financial Assistance for the Development of Buddhist/Tibetan Cultural and Art”. Under this scheme, Buddhist/Tibetan organizations including Monasteries engaged in the propagation and scientific development of Buddhist/Tibetan Culture and tradition, located in any part of the country are given financial assistance.**

**Stipend to the students for Gonpa School @ Rs. 935/- per month is also provided by CIBS. Besides, text books and note books are provided to the students every year free of cost as they are all ST students.**