

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CULTURE

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3605**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2022

**STUDY OF DNA PROFILES OF INDIA POPULATION GROUPS**

3605. SHRI V.K. SREEKANDAN :

**Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering to fund a project to study genetic similarities and differences in the DNA (genetic) profiles of India population groups;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also true that over a 100 leading biologists, historians, anthropologists and intellectuals have protested against the said plan to fund;
- (d) whether it is also true that the Government has received a joint representation from the above people protesting against the said move; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) to (e) Some vague reports of carrying out a study on 'racial purity' by the Ministry of Culture appeared in a few Print Media which was immediately refuted. A joint representation on the subject was also received.

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