

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2985
TO BE ANSWERED ON- 12/12/2024

INCLUSION OF GORKHAS IN THE SCHEDULED TRIBES LIST FOR ASSAM

2985. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of Tribal Affairs be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposals from the Government of Assam to include Gorkhas as a sub-caste under Scheduled Tribes in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the timeline of implementation to include the Gorkha community in the scheduled tribes list for Assam?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

(a) to (c): There is no proposal pending with this Ministry for inclusion of Gorkhas as a sub-tribe in the Scheduled Tribes list of Assam. Moreover, the Government of India on 15.6.1999 (further amended on 25.6.2002 and 14.9.2022) has laid down the modalities for deciding the claims for inclusion in, exclusion from and other modifications in Orders specifying Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes lists. As per the modalities, only those proposals which have been recommended and justified by the concerned State Government / UT Administration and concurred with by Registrar General of India (RGI) and National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) are to be considered and legislation amended. All action on the proposals is taken as per these approved modalities. The recommendation of the concerned State Government is pre-requisite to process the case further.

The proposals for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes of a State or Union Territory follow certain processes as per the modalities. This is a continuous process. Proposals received from the State Government should be accompanied by an ethnographic report. The proposals are examined by the Office of the RGI and then by the NCST. In case the proposal is not recommended by the RGI, the State Governments are communicated the points raised by the RGI, so that additional information, if any, maybe furnished by the State Government.
