

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO.125
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2025**

DEPRIVATION OF DE-NOTIFIED, NOMADIC AND SEMI- NOMADIC TRIBES

†*125. SHRI BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM WAKCHAURE:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the De-notified, Nomadic and semi-Nomadic Communities are the most backward communities in the country having neither land nor homes and due to non-availability of birth certificates, people from these communities cannot even obtain caste certificates resulting in these communities remaining completely deprived of the benefits of reservation;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for the social, educational and economic upliftment of these communities?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR)**

- (a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE PART (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 125 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.12.2025 REGARDING "DEPRIVATION OF DE-NOTIFIED, NOMADIC AND SEMI-NOMADIC TRIBES"

(a) & (b): The birth certificates and caste certificates of the De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-nomadic Communities are issued by the respective States / UTs and accordingly they are entitled for reservation.

(c): For the development and welfare of De-notified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities, a scheme namely, Scheme for Economic Empowerment of De-notified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities (SEED) is being implemented by the Development and Welfare Board for De-Notified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities for social, educational and economic upliftment of these communities having following components:

- (i) Educational Empowerment: By giving coaching of good quality for DNT candidates to enable them to appear in competitive examinations;
- (ii) Health: By providing health insurance to DNT Communities;
- (iii) Livelihoods: By facilitating livelihoods initiative at community level to build and strengthen small clusters of DNT Communities institutions;
- (iv) Land and Housing: By providing financial assistance for construction of houses to members of the DNT Communities.

Besides above, the Department also implements the following schemes which also empower the DNT communities:

- i. Pre Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students
- ii. Post Matric Scholarship for OBC, EBC and DNT Students
- iii. Top Class School Education for OBC, EBC and DNT Students
- iv. Top Class College Education OBC, EBC and DNT Students
- v. National Overseas Scholarship (NOS) for Scheduled Castes, De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes, Landless Agricultural Labourers and Traditional Artisans.
