

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2971  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2026**

**SOCIAL INEQUALITY**

**†2971. SHRI SHER SINGH GHUBAYA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government aware that in many States, including Punjab, huge expenditure is being incurred on post-death ceremonies such as 'Bhog/Shraddha', thereby increasing social inequality, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to launch awareness campaigns to discourage such social evils, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any policy is proposed to encourage simple social customs, if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT**

**(SHRI B.L.VERMA)**

(a) to (c): The post-death ceremonies like 'Bhog/Shraddha' are largely related to social traditions, customs and cultural ethos of the communities. The Government always promotes progressive social practices through social awareness and outreach programmes.

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