

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1684  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04-05-2016**

**Minority Status to Jewish Community**

1684. DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:  
SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH:  
SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI SATAV RAJEEV:  
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Jewish community demanding grant of minority status;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon along with the number of Jews in the country at present, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is also considering to open a Jewish minority university in the country and if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (d) whether the Jews are classified under any other religion in the census of India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which a decision on the proposal from Jewish community demanding grant of minority status is likely to be taken?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS  
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a)&(b). Yes, Madam. A proposal of Jewish community demanding grant of minority status has been received by this Ministry. Office of the Registrar General, India, has intimated that the population of Jews/Judaism religious community as per 2011 Census is not yet published. The State/UT wise population of Jews/Judaism religious community as per Census 2001 is attached at Annex-I.
- (c) No, Madam. The Government is not considering opening a Jewish minority University in the Country.
- (d)&(e) Office of the Registrar General, India, has intimated that the Jews/Judaism religion is classified under the category "**Other Religion and Persuasion**" in the Census of India. No time line has been fixed by the Central Government to take a decision to declare Jewish community as minority community.

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**ANNEX-I**

**ANNEX-I** Referred to in reply to parts (a)&(b) Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1684 for 04-05-2016 asked by **DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT & OTHERS** regarding “Minority Status to Jewish Community”.

S.No.	State Code	Name of the State	Population		
			Persons	Males	Females
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
1	05	UTTARANCHAL	1	0	1
2	07	DELHI	23	11	12
3	08	RAJASTHAN	30	15	15
4	09	UTTAR PRADESH	33	15	18
5	10	BIHAR	1	1	0
6	13	NAGALAND	71	34	37
7	14	MANIPUR	859	435	424
8	15	MIZORAM	805	394	411
9	17	MEGHALAYA	5	5	0
10	18	ASSAM	38	20	18
11	19	WEST BENGAL	43	18	25
12	20	JHARKHAND	11	4	7
13	21	ORISSA	1	0	1
14	23	MADHYA PRADESH	18	7	11
15	24	GUJARAT	134	57	77
16	27	MAHARASHTRA	2466	1192	1274
17	28	ANDHRA PRADESH	1	1	0
18	29	KARNATAKA	21	10	11
19	30	GOA	14	7	7
20	32	KERALA	64	30	34
21	33	TAMIL NADU	8	3	5
22	34	PONDICHERRY	3	2	1
<b>23</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>INDIA</b>	<b>4650</b>	<b>2261</b>	<b>2389</b>