

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
(MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS)
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †1855
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2018
TRIBAL STATUS TO KOL TRIBE

†1855. SHRI BHAIRON PRASAD MISHRA:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the proposal of granting tribal status to Kol tribe of Uttar Pradesh is lying pending with the Government at present;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto and the time by which these are likely to be given the status of tribal;
- (c) the details of the dates on which the State Government of Uttar Pradesh had sent a proposal to the Union Government; and
- (d) the reason for delay in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(c) & (d) The Government of India on 15.6.1999 (further amended on 25.6.2002) has laid down modalities for determining claims for inclusion in and other modifications in lists of STs. According to these, only those proposals recommended and justified by State Government / UT Administration concerned and concurred with by Registrar General of India (RGI) and National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) are considered for amendment of legislation.

Government of Uttar Pradesh vide letters dated 22.4.1981, 1.6.1998 and 16.3.2000 recommended transfer of "Kol" community from list of Scheduled Castes to Scheduled Tribes which was referred to Registrar General of India (RGI) for comments. Office of RGI vide letters dated 10.4.2000, 7.8.2000 and 19.10.2000 did not support the proposal. Accordingly, Government of Uttar Pradesh was requested to furnish comments on the observations of RGI.

Government of Uttar Pradesh, vide letter dated 5.3.2004 along with fresh report, again recommended for inclusion of "Kol" community in list of STs. RGI vide letter dated 17.8.2005 again conveyed that they did not support the proposal.

Govt. of Uttar Pradesh vide letter dated 12.7.2013 once again submitted report along with study report for inclusion of 'Kol' in list of STs of Uttar Pradesh which was referred to RGI for comments. RGI, vide letter dated 27.1.2014 informed that it was not taken up for further examination in accordance with the revised guidelines. The same was conveyed to Government of Uttar Pradesh vide letter dated 26.2.2014.
