

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1961

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH MAY, 2015/VAISAKHA 23, 1937 (SAKA)

SATNAMI SECT OF CHHATTISGARH

†1961. DR. BHUSHAN LAL JANGDE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Satnamis have been counted under the Scheduled Castes in the census of 2011 as most of them have shown their religion as 'Satnami Sect' in this census in Chhattisgarh;
- (b) whether it is a fact that they show themselves as Satnamis in their Caste Census but many Satnamis have shown their religion as 'Christian' by converting themselves; and
- (c) whether the people who were living in other States at the time of census by migrating from Chhattisgarh for livelihood, have been included in the census of Chhattisgarh?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) : The Satnami community is notified along with Chamar as its sub group/section in the SCs(Scheduled Castes) list of Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. In Maharashtra also, they are notified SC, listed along with Bhambi. Accordingly, Satnamis have been counted under the SC category in the Census 2011 as per the notified SCs lists in the above mentioned States including Chhattisgarh.

(b) : The persons professing Hinduism, Sikhism and Budhism only are deemed to be members of Scheduled Caste under the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 and the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Act, 1990. Therefore, Christian Satnamis have not been counted as SC in any of the Censuses including 2011 Census.

(c) : No, Sir. Satnamis, who are SC in their States of origin and have migrated to any other States for livelihood during the census period, where Satnamis are not SC, have not been enumerated as SC in their destination States/UTs.
