

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1889
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 03rd AUGUST, 2016/ SRAVANA 12, 1938 SAKA)
NGOS ENGAGED IN RELIGIOUS CONVERSION

†1889. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that some NGOs engaged in the country are involved in religious conversion;
- (b) if so, whether it is also a fact that they are being funded from other countries;
- (c) if so, whether Government is contemplating to take any action to control it; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI KIREN RIJJU)

(a) to (d) Certain Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) receive foreign contributions for religious, educational, economic, social and cultural programmes, and Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), 2010 provides for registration of such associations for accepting foreign contributions. There have been reports from time to time regarding allegations that some institutions are engaging themselves in religious conversions.

'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India, and hence prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes are primarily the concerns of the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations. Action is taken as per existing laws by the law enforcing agencies whenever instances of violation come to notice.
