

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 537**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 20TH DECEMBER, 2017/ AGRAHAYANA 29, 1939 (SAKA)
CONDUCT OF NATIONAL ANTHEM AND NATIONAL SONG**

537. SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government is aware of the decision taken by certain local administration on the singing of the National Anthem and National Song Vande Mataram;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether the local administration has any authority on the conduct of National Anthem and National Song;

(d) whether the Central Government proposes any measures restricting the local administration on the conduct of National Anthem; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) : The singing/playing of National Anthem on various occasions and need for paying due respect to the National Anthem by observance of proper decorum on such occasions are regulated by 'Orders relating to the National Anthem of India' and 'The Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971'. Government has been sending advisory to all States/UTs from time to time to comply with the instructions in this regard. It was the desire of the Constituent Assembly of India, as expressed in the form of a statement made by its President on the 24th January, 1950, that the song Vande Mataram which has played a historic part in the struggle for Indian freedom, shall be honoured equally with the National Anthem, and shall have equal status with it. Government hope that every citizen of India will remember the historic role of the song in our freedom struggle and show due respect to the song when it is played or sung.
