

Inclusion of castes in Scheduled Caste list

†441. SHRI AMAR SHANKAR SABLE : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to include more castes under the list of the Scheduled Castes, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) the details of the requests to include some more castes therein received from various States/Union Territories during the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA) : (a) and (b) Inclusion of castes and communities in the list of Scheduled Castes is a continuous process. Proposals received from State Governments/Union Territory Administration are processed as per approved Modalities in consultation with the Registrar General of India and National Commission for Scheduled Castes. State-wise details of proposal received during last one year for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes are as under:-

State	No. of proposals
Bihar	6
Haryana	4
Kerala	1
Maharashtra	1
West Bengal	1

Schemes for welfare of differently abled childrens

442. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has set up any coordination mechanism with other Ministries/Departments and the State Governments to protect the interest of the differently abled children, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Ministry has any plans to take initiative to formulate special schemes for children suffering from disability, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) details of the schemes in the country for making barrier free environment for the disableds ?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.