

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS**

RAJYA SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1558
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2021**

STATUS OF LINGUISTIC MINORITY COMMUNITIES

1558. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

Will the Minister of **MINORITY AFFAIRS** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of linguistic minority communities identified across the country, State-wise including Odisha; and
- (b) the details of sites/monuments preserved for said minority communities, State-wise?

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)**

- (a) The Article 29 and 30 of the Constitution provide for protection of interest of minorities which includes Linguistic Minorities also. The working definition followed by the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities is as follows:- “Linguistic Minorities are group or collectivities of individuals residing in the territory of India or any part thereof having a distinct language or script of their own. The language of the minority group need not be one of the twenty two languages mentioned in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. In other words, linguistic minorities at the State level mean any group or groups of people whose mother tongues are different from the principal language of the State, and at the district and taluka/tehsil levels, different from the principal language of the district or taluka/ tehsil concerned.” The linguistic minorities are therefore identified by the respective States/ UTs.

The State/UT wise, broad linguistic profile is available in the 52nd Report of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities (CLM).

- (b) There are 3693 monuments and sites, declared as of National importance throughout the country, which are protected, preserved and conserved by Archaeological Survey of India. However, the monuments/sites are not susceptible to such classification, based on linguistic minorities. The list of such monuments/sites is at Annexure.

Annexure referred in the reply to part (b) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No.1558 asked by Shri Sujeet Kumar, Member of Parliament, to be answered on 02.08.2021 regarding "Status of linguistic minority communities"

S. No.	Name of State	Nos. of Monuments/Sites
1.	Andhra Pradesh	135
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	03
3.	Assam	55
4.	Bihar	70
5.	Chhattisgarh	46
6.	Daman & Diu (U.T.)	11
7.	Goa	21
8.	Gujarat	203
9.	Haryana	91
10.	Himachal Pradesh	40
11.	Jammu & Kashmir (U.T.)	56
12.	Jharkhand	13
13.	Karnataka	506
14.	Kerala	29
15.	Laddakh (U.T.)	15
16.	Madhya Pradesh	291
17.	Maharashtra	286
18.	Manipur	01
19.	Meghalaya	08
20.	Mizoram	01
21.	Nagaland	04
22.	N.C.T. Delhi	173
23.	Odisha	80
24.	Puducherry (U.T.)	07
25.	Punjab	33
26.	Rajasthan	163
27.	Sikkim	03
28.	Telangana	08
29.	Tamil Nadu	412
30.	Tripura	08
31.	Uttar Pradesh	743
32.	Uttarakhand	43
33.	West Bangal	135
	Total	3693