

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 42**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY, 2021/ MAGHA 13, 1942 (SAKA)**

**FORCED RELIGIOUS CONVERSION**

**42. DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED:  
SHRI ANTO ANTONY:  
SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:  
SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:  
DR. A. CHALLAKUMAR:**

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

**(a) whether the Government is of the view that interfaith marriages are happening due to forceful conversions;**

**(b) if so, whether sufficient evidence have been collected by the Government which shows that interfaith marriages in India are connected to instances of forced religious conversion;**

**(c) if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) whether the Government intends to propose a central Anti Conversion Law to curb interfaith marriages;**

**(e) if so, the details thereof including the proposed date for introducing such a law?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a) to (c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. Hence prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of offences related to religious**

**conversions are primarily the concerns of the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. Action is taken as per existing laws by the law enforcing agencies whenever instances of violation come to notice.**

**(d) In view of reply of part (a) to (c), above No. Sir**

**(e) In view of reply of part (d) question does not arise**

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