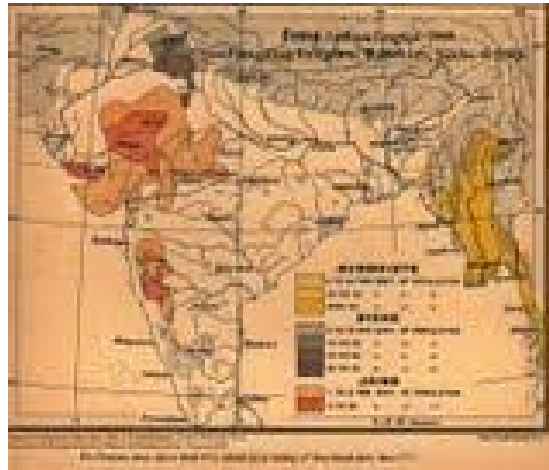


# British Empire map 1909, showing Jains separately



# RTI reply of Min of Minority for defination of NCM Act 1992

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A-47011/10/2006-Estt. (RTI)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Minority Affairs  
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Paryavaran Bhawan (11<sup>th</sup> Floor),  
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Dated: 01/02/2008

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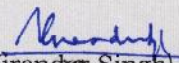
**Sub: Information under the Right to Information Act, 2005.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your application dated 31 December, 2007, forwarded by the Office of the Registrar General India, New Delhi, received in this Ministry on 09/01/2008, and to furnish information on Part II, para (i) (E) of the application as under:

- Sub-section (c) of Section 2 of the National Commission for Minorities<sup>(NCM)</sup> Act, 1992, defines 'minority' as: "minority' for the purpose of this Act, means a community notified as such by the Central Government".
- Notification dated 23.10.1993, issued under Section 2(c) of the NCM Act, 1992, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and ~~Parsees~~ <sup>(Zoroastrians)</sup> ~~(Parsees)~~ have been declared minority communities.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Virender Singh)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Tel. 25364279

Copy forwarded for information to Office of the Registrar General, India Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Social Studies Division, North Wing, First Floor, Sewa Bhawan, New Delhi-110 066.

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## RTI from Registrar general for Census Details



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(Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs)

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New Delhi, the 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2008

To,

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Sub: Seeking religion related information under Right to Information Act, 2005

Sir,

Please refer to your letter dated 31.12.2007 seeking information on Jains collected in the Censuses since 1872. The para wise information are as under :

As mentioned in my earlier letter of even number dated 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2008, para (i) (E) does not related to Office of RGI and therefore, this was transferred to the Ministry of Minority, New Delhi under your intimation.

Para (i)(A): Yes, since 1872 the Census of India has been collecting and publishing information on the population of each religious communities at the national and sub-national levels once in ten years.

Para (i) (B): In Census, 'religious communities' wise information is collected & published. But information on the question raised is not available.

Para (i) (C): Yes. Hindu & Jain religions were recorded separately in the Censuses.

Para (i) (D): The percentages given in this para are not correct. As per 1991 Census, the percentage of population by 'religious communities' as sought were:- Muslims(12.1%), Christians(2.3%), Sikhs(1.9%), Buddhists(0.8%), Jains(0.4%), & Other religions/persuasions(0.4%). In 1991, no Census was conducted in Jammu & Kashmir.

Yours faithfully,

(S. L. Jain)

Deputy Director &

Central Public Information Officer(SS Div.)

## Official definition of Minority in lok sabha

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Tuesday, 26 October 2010 MUMBAI THIRUVANANTHAPURAM KOLKATA HYDERABAD CHENNAI BANGALORE AIZAWL  
Monday, March 17, 2008

Ministry of Minority Affairs

OFFICIAL DEFINITION OF MINORITIES

17:32 IST

Rajya Sabha

Replying to a written a question whether there is any official definition of minority , minister of Minority Affairs Shri. A.R. Antulay today informed Rajya Sabha that section 2(C) of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM) Act, 1992, defines "minority" as "Minority for the purposes of this Act, means a community notified as such by the Central Government." Accordingly the Central Government has notified five religious communities, viz., Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis) as minority communities. He also informed that there are cases of recognition of minorities are pending in courts and there are no special minorities amongst the said minorities.

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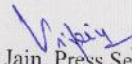
Addressing the governing body meeting at head office, Mr Sunjay Jain, President – Vishwa Jain Sangathan said that in 1993 by notification no. 816(E), the Central Govt. had declared national minority status to five religious communities under section 2C of National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992 but not to Jains. Jain community is still fighting for the constitutional right of declaration of religious minority status nationally.

Mr Jain said that Jains have also been counted separately in all census of India during 1881-2001. On 29<sup>th</sup> July 2004, the Supreme Court of India had also directed to the Central Govt. to take a final decision in the matter within four months from that day but no decision has been taken by the Govt. till date and under RTI Act the Ministry of Minority Affairs informed to VJS that 'minority' for the purpose of NCM Act, means a community notified by the Central Govt. and the same line has also been mentioned at section 2 C in NCM Act then Govt. has full power to notify religious minority to a community on the bases of census.

He blamed that the Central Govt. by declaring the five religions as religious minorities has destroyed the existence of Jainism while there are undisputed evidence of the existence of Jain religion as ancient & independent religion. On 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010, the Hon'ble Minority Affairs Minister informed to Lok Sabha that a decision of a 11-judge Supreme Court had become a hurdle to notify minority status to Jains nationally but on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2004, the Supreme Court itself mentioned in its order that in "T.M.A. Pai Foundation case the point raised in this appeal of minority status to Jains was neither raised nor decided. A final decision has now to be taken by the Govt."

He said that we want religious minority status to recognition of ancient Jain religion as an independent religion, freedom in establishing & managing educational & religious institutions and encroachment of Jain idols & Teerths could be restrained. A lot of judgments of Supreme Court & High Courts of different states of India, famous Indian politicians, National & International historians, scholars and holy books of Vedic religion have also recognized Jainism as an oldest & independent religion of India. The National Commission for Minorities has also recommended four times to the Central Govt. to notify Jainism as minority religion. The Constitution of India, Hindu Laws and various other Acts also recognize Jain religion as an independent religion of India.

Mr Jain said that if the Central Govt. will not declare the Jain religion as minority religion at national level under section 2C of NCM Act, 1992 at par five other minority religions of India up to 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012 then on **World Minority Day** on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec a nationwide rally from Raj Ghat to Sansad Marg & protest at Sansad Marg will be organized in which thousands Jains alongwith religious saints & leaders from all over India will participate.

  
(Vipin Jain, Press Secretary)