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New Delhi, May, 8, 2010:

Maulana Qari Sayed Mohammad Usman, President of Jamiat Ulama- i-Hind in a press statement drew the attention of the Prime Minister of India towards non-inclusion of columns on religion and language in the census form 2010. He also has conveyed the same apprehension through the Minority commission to the concerned authorities. But no action has been so far taken in this direction. He stressed that religion and caste columns should be included without further delay. Non-inclusion of religion and language columns in the census form has caused serious apprehension and it is creating an impression that this is an attempt to deny basic rights and privileges of the minority community. This move of the government is violating constitutional rights of the minority which Jamiat Ulama-i-hind will never condone.

Maulana Sayed Mahmood Madani, M.P and leader of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind said that is was a good sign that the Prime Minister while accepting the ground social reality had assured to include caste column, however it would remain incomplete unless columns on religion and language were included. He further said that India was recognized as a multi-religious country at international level. If this identity is erased then it will cause great damage to our pluralistic identity.

Maulana Sayed Mahood Madani asserted that Sachar Committee report highlighted the social and educational backwardness of minorities especially Muslims and it was hoped that the government would take appropriate action for their upliftment. But if during recent census given Muslims are not identified as a Muslim then on what ground the government will devise policy and programme for their upliftment. Therefore the Government must include columns of religion and language in the census form.

Dear Sir,

Kindly publish the press Release and oblige.

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