

22ND LAW COMMISSION TO STUDY UCC

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The new Law Commission could take up the issue of Uniform Civil Code, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju has informed BJP member Nishikant Dubey in a letter. During the winter session of Parliament last year, on December 1, Mr. Dubey had raised the issue of a Uniform Civil Code during the Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha.

Responding to the issue, Mr. Rijiju in a letter, said the issue required in-depth study of the provisions of various personal laws governing different communities and given the sensitivity of the subject matter, the issue was referred to the 21st Law Commission.

“However, the term of the 21st Law Commission ended on 31.08.2018. The matter may be taken up by the 22nd Law Commission of India,” the Law Minister said in his letter.

Mr. Rijiju also stated that Article 44 of the Constitution provided that the State shall endeavour to secure for the citizens a Uniform Civil Code throughout the territory of India. In December 2020, President Ram Nath Kovind, while addressing an event to mark the 60th anniversary of Goa’s Liberation, had hailed the Common Civil Code of Goa.

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