

Indian Statewise Minority Dataset (ISMD) Codebook

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1 Introduction

Indian Statewise Minority Dataset (ISMD) includes information on statewide distribution of minorities, identified by the GeoEPR dataset (Wucherpfennig et al. 2011) in India. ISMD covers the period after 1950.

To compile this dataset, I relied on the GeoEPR dataset¹. The GeoEPR dataset identifies 21 politically relevant minority groups in India and includes geo-referenced information on each one of them. Three out of 21 groups are provided with no geo-referenced information because those minority groups are dispersed across the country. Minority groups that are regionally based are provided geo-referenced information which covers the coordinates of the region the minority group resides in. I matched the minority group region coordinates from the GeoEPR dataset with the state coordinates in India.

Statewise version of the dataset lists Indian states/union territories and indicates how many politically relevant regional-based minority groups reside in each state. Minority-wise version of the dataset lists each regional-based minority group identified by the GeoEPR dataset and indicates which state(s) they reside in.

References

Wucherpfennig, Julian, et al. 2011. “Politically Relevant Ethnic Groups across Space and Time: Introducing the GeoEPR Dataset”. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 28 (5): 423–437.

¹The GeoEPR dataset can be downloaded via: <https://icr.ethz.ch/data/epr/geoepr/>