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Title: Regarding inclusion of Reddy caste in the list of Schedule Tribe in Tamil Nadu.

***SHRI DNV. SENTHILKUMAR S. (DHARMAPURI):** Hon. Chairman Sir, Vanakkam. In Tamil Nadu people belonging to Reddy community are considered as forward community. This is a minority group who have time and gain demanded for inclusion of their caste in the list of Backward Classes. In the neighboring State of Karnataka, the Reddy caste is a Backward caste. I request that Reddy caste should be included in the list of Backward classes.

Similarly, the Union Government should also consider the demand of Kurumbars for inclusion in the list of Schedule Tribes. The percentage of reservation for SCs and STs was increased from 16 percent to 18 per cent by the great leader and champion of Social Justice Dr. Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi. The sub-quota of reservation of three per cent for Arunthathiyars and three per cent for Muslims was also provided by Dr. Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi.

As many as 108 castes have been included in the list of most backward classes by Dr. Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi. As a result, the people belonging to these communities got a transformation in their lives with lots of educational and employment opportunities. Social Justice has been protected in Tamil Nadu because of the unmatched efforts of Dr. Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi.

During MGR's rule in Tamil Nadu, 21 persons belonging to Vanniars have been shot dead. DMK is the only party which treated them as martyrs and provided a compensation of Rs 3 lakh each to the

affected families. Till now those affected families are being paid a pension of Rs 3000 each by DMK.

Our revered leader Thalapathi M.K. Stalin has given an assurance during the Vikravandi Election campaign that the demand for sub-quota under reservation will be fulfilled. The people belonging the several castes and communities were getting educational, employment and other opportunities in Tamil Nadu because of the unparalleled efforts of DMK leader Dr. Kalaignar M. Karunanidhi and during the rule of DMK in Tamil Nadu. In future too, only our revered leader Thalapathi M.K. Stalin can fulfil the demands and aspirations of the people. Thank you for this opportunity.