

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding including Surjapuri community of Bihar in extremely backward category of state list and central OBC list-laid.

DR. MOHAMMAD JAWED (KISHANGANJ): The Surjapuri community of the Kishanganj district of Bihar is socially and economically very backward. It is present in four districts of Kishanganj, Araria, Purnia and Katihar. Currently they are being recognized in the more backward [BC-2] category of the OBC list acknowledged by the Bihar Government.

Due to lack of education and employment opportunities, this community has been socially and educationally backward since years. Majority of the population is dependent on Agriculture for their livelihood. They do not get their due representation in the educational & employment sectors of the country which is the need of the hour.

This affected community requires urgent attention and inclusion in the Extremely Backward [BC-2] category of the OBC list recognized by the Bihar Government and in the Central OBC list recognized by the Central Government as other communities with similar socio-economic background have been included in the extremely backward category of the State OBC list and Central OBC list.