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Ttile: regarding enhancing the reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

DR. K. JAYAKUMAR (TIRUVALLUR): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I rise to register my views on the need for enhancing the reservation for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes. The present level of reservation is at 15 per cent for the Scheduled Castes and 7.5 per cent for the Scheduled Tribes. This is based on the 1971 Census but, now, the population has gone up. The present level of Scheduled Castes in India's population is 16.6 per cent and that of the Scheduled Tribes is 8.8 per cent. Therefore, a proportional representation is to be given. This is one part.

The second part is that the Government is mindlessly going on selling the public sector undertakings. The public sector undertakings provide reservation for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes. It has not made any arrangement to compensate the loss of employment opportunities for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.

In 1947, when we got Independence, when India got Independence, the Muslims got Pakistan and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes got reservations. It is a solemn agreement to be maintained.

Thank you.

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