

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to give instructions to the concerned authorities to capture the number of OBCs in census 2021 on the lines of SCs and STs.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Sir, I want to raise a very important issue. The Government has recently instructed to capture the number of people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Census 2021 likely to be started next year. However, the Government has not instructed to count the number of people who come under the category of Other Backward Classes. It is believed that the decision not to enumerate OBCs flies in the face of the expectation that Census 2021 will collect data on people who fall under the category to assess the effectiveness of the affirmative action programmes and welfare schemes they have been entitled to for years. A previous attempt to map the number of OBCs and their socioeconomic conditions through Census 2011 ran aground because as many as four million permutations and combinations of different communities were reported by the respondents. The result of that Census has not been made public so far. They are still under consideration of the NITI Aayog. I, therefore, urge upon the Government to give instructions to the concerned authorities to capture the number of OBCs in Census 2021 on the lines of SCs and STs. Thank you.

माननीय अध्यक्ष : श्रीमती रेखा वर्मा को श्री भर्तृहरि महताब द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है ।

माननीय सदस्यगण, मेरे पास एक लंबी सूची है और मैं कोशिश कर रहा हूँ कि आज सभी माननीय सदस्यों को बोलने का मौका दूँ । मेरा आप सभी से इतना

ही आग्रह है कि आप अपनी-अपनी सीट से बोलें और एक मिनट में अपनी बात खत्म करें। क्या सभी माननीय सदस्यों की इस बात से सहमति है?

अनेक माननीय सदस्य : जी बिल्कुल, महोदय।

माननीय अध्यक्ष : आप सभी एक-एक मिनट में अपनी बात खत्म कर दें, ताकि सभी माननीय सदस्यों का नम्बर आ सके। अब ऐसा है कि सत्रावसान भी होगा।

श्री अण्णासाहेब शंकर जोल्ले ।

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माननीय अध्यक्ष : सत्र कल भी है। कल भी नम्बर है। माननीय सदस्य, कल भी शाम को शून्यकाल चल सकता है।

श्री अण्णासाहेब शंकर जोल्ले ।