

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to start a special drive for employment of the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBCs.

**SHRI ASIT KUMAR MAL (BOLPUR):** Sir, thank you very much for giving me a chance to say something in Zero Hour.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw your kind attention that 70 years have passed since India has gained Independence, but it is a matter of great regret that a vast number of people belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Communities are still living in lowest rung in the society.

Though the Government has been maintaining the rehabilitation policy for all-round development of these downtrodden people, it is very sad that these people could not enter into the mainstream of the society. Hon. Prime Minister has again and again proclaimed everybody's prosperity. ...(*Interruptions*)

So, I request the hon. Prime Minister to start a special drive of employment for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBCs. Thank you.