

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to include 'Sista Karanam', 'Kalinga Vysya' and 'Sondi' communities in the list of OBCs.

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): Thank you, Madam Speaker, for giving me the opportunity to speak in 'Zero Hour'.

I would like to bring to the notice of the Government the issue of inclusion of specific communities, namely, Sistakaranam, Sondi, and Kalinga Vysya, which are prevalent in the northern districts of Andhra Pradesh, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, and Visakhapatnam, in the list of OBCs.

Along with the leaders of these associations, I have met the Prime Minister. He has recommended that the request be put forward to the National Commission for Backward Classes and that the Government would also look into it. On the 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015, I had asked a Question to the Government of India, in which they had replied that they had got the request from various associations along with the request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

I would like to inform that the communities mentioned have a population of around 12 lakhs. They are among the most backward communities with poor economic, social, and educational status. These communities are highly under-developed and 90 per cent of their population is living below the poverty line. They are also not able to sustain their children's education.

The people of these communities in the State of Andhra Pradesh have been agitating since the formation of the Mandal Commission in the year 1979 for inclusion of these communities in the list of OBCs.

It is pertinent to inform here that the Government of Andhra Pradesh, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to accept the recommendation of

the Andhra Pradesh Commission for Backward Classes to included them in the list of OBCs.

I strongly request and demand the Central Government to look into the matter sympathetically and advise the authorities concerned to include Sistakaranam, Kalinga Vysya, and Sondi communities in the Central list of OBCs.

Thank you very much.

**माननीय अध्यक्ष:** कुँवर पुष्पेन्द्र सिंह चन्देल को श्री राम मोहन नायडू किंजरापु द्वारा उठाए गए विषय के साथ संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।