

Regarding need to include `Anchunadu Vellalar` community of Kerala in the Central list of Other Backward Classes (OBC)-Laid

ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE (IDUKKI):I represent the Constituency of Idukki in Kerala and there are significant sections of the community belonging to the `Anchunadu Vellalar` Community. They are predominantly residing in Marayoor, Kanthallur, Keezhanthur, Karayur villages of Devikulam Taluk in Idukki District. The Government of Kerala in its Gazette Notification dated 2nd June 2015 had amended the Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules 1958 to include the `Anchunadu Vellalar` for the purpose of reservation for employment purposes.

With the increasing opportunities of higher education among the community, there is an urgent need for including them in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Kerala for the purpose of reservation for All India Exams like the NEET entrance, UPSC-Civil Services as well as other Central Government Vacancies. I would request the Government to kindly take steps to include the `Anchunadu Vellalar` community in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Kerala so that the benefits of reservation can be helpful in helping the community to progress in life by way of meaningful employment or accessing quality higher education.