

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1440  
ANSWERED ON:27.02.2003  
INCLUSION OF MAHISHYA IN THE LIST OF OBC  
PRABODH PANDA

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of West Bengal has recommended for the inclusion of 'Mahishya' in the list of OBC;
- (b) if not, the reasons thereon; and
- (c) the total list of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and OBC from West Bengal?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN)

(a) & (b) A request has been received in the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) for inclusion of 'Mahishya' caste/community in the Central List of OBCs for West Bengal.

(c) The list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is given in the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 as amended on 27.5.2002 and constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950 as amended on 8.1.2003.

The List of castes/communities included in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for West Bengal is given in the following Gazette Notifications issued so far:

Gazetter Notification No.    Date

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| 163 | 20-10-1994 |
| 60  | 11-03-1996 |
| 210 | 11-12-1996 |
| 241 | 27-10-1999 |
| 270 | 06-12-1999 |
| 71  | 04-04-2000 |
| 210 | 21-09-2000 |
| 246 | 06-09-2001 |