

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

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CREAMY LAYER AMONGST SCS  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to introduce the concept of creamy layer amongst Scheduled Castes (SCs) for providing reservation benefits to them on the lines of Other Backward Classes (OBCs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the measures taken by the Government to ensure that the benefits of reservation should go to the economically backward people amongst SCs?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

- (a) No Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The income criteria prescribed under various schemes being implemented by the Ministry for the welfare and development of Scheduled Castes ensures that benefits reach the poorer section among the Scheduled Castes.