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DATA ON POPULATION OF OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that only 13 States had some data on the population of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the country;
- (b) if so, the names of the States which have admitted that there is no OBC data with them; and
- (c) the steps the Union Government proposes to take in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Ministry had initiated an exercise for preparing comprehensive data base relating to OBCs so as to improve quality of decision making. Only 13 State Governments/UT administrations have furnished available information.

State Governments of Nagaland, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh and UT administration of Lakshadweep & Minicoy Islands have indicated that they have no OBC population.

State Governments of Haryana, Rajasthan and Union Territory administrations of Chandigarh, Daman & Diu have informed that they have no such data.