

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:17

ANSWERED ON:15.11.2007

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC BACKWARDNESS OF OBCs

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up any Committee to study the economic backwardness of some of the Other Backward Class (OBC) communities, especially those living in rural areas and depending upon the traditional occupations/artisanship;
- (b) if so, whether the said Committee has submitted its report to the Government; and
- (c) if so, the findings thereof and the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) No, Sir. However, the Government of India has constituted a Commission to consult the State Governments/Union Territories and others and work out the modalities so as to give effect to the proposed reservation for Economically Backward Classes (EBCs) not covered by the existing reservation policy.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.