

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

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CRITERIA FOR INCLUSION OF A CASTE IN SC/ST LIST
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria to include a particular caste in the list of SC/ST categories;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to change the criteria of inclusion of caste into the list of SC/ST; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(D. NAPOLEON)

- (a) The Criteria followed for inclusion of a community in the list of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes is as under:-

Scheduled Castes

Extreme social, educational and economic backwardness arising out of traditional practice of untouchability.

Scheduled Tribes

Indication of primitive traits, distinctive culture, geographical isolation, shyness of contact with community at large and backwardness.

- (b) No, Sir.

- (c) Does not arise.