

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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RESERVATION TO MUSLIMS
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to provide reservation to Muslims under the OBC category;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of norms followed for providing reservation under the OBC category;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to give reservation to any other community also besides Muslims;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SALMAN KHURSHID)

- (a) and (b): The Government has already provided reservation to some Muslim communities under Other Backward Classes category. The State-wise details of Muslim community included in the Central List of OBCs are at Annex I.
- (c): The criteria for declaring a Caste/Community backward is social, educational and economic backwardness.
- (d) to (f): Proposals to notify Castes /Communities under Central List of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) are based on the advice received from National Commission for Backward Classes.