

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

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INCLUSION OF CASTES IN SC & OBC CATEGORIES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the details regarding castes included in the list of Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes (OBCs), State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received proposals from various quarters for inclusion of new castes in the Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes (OBCs) lists and increase in pecuniary limit for existing creamy layer, OBC;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) the details regarding the criteria being fixed for inclusion of any caste in SC/OBC category; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to change the said criteria and if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) 1206 castes as detailed in six Presidential Orders have been specified as Scheduled Castes (SCs), in relation to a State/Union Territory, and their number is given in Annexure-I.

Likewise 2173 castes as detailed in 28 Resolutions have been specified as Other Backward Classes (OBCs), in the Central List of Other Backward Classes, are contained in twenty eight Resolutions mentioned in Annexure-II.

(b) & (c) Receipt of proposals from concerned State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations, in reard to iclusion of castes etc. in the list of Scheduled Castes is a continuing process, and these are processed as per approved Modalities.

Proposals for inclusion of castes in the Central List of OBCs and request for raising pecuniary limit for existing creamy layer are received from time to time, and action thereon is taken on the recommendations of National Commission for Backward Classes.

(d) Criteria followed is as under: -

Scheduled Caste:

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

Other Backward Class(Central List)

Social, Educational, economic backwardness and inadequate representation in the Central Government post and services.

(e): No, Sir.