

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

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SPLITTING OBC INTO SUB GROUPS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received the report of the Sub-Groups of Planning Commission on empowerment of other Backward Classes (OBCs);
- (b) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the panel particularly about the splitting of OBCs into Sub-Groups; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Planning Commission constituted a Working Group on 7.04.2011 on empowerment of Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Nomadic, Semi-nomadic and Denotified Tribes for the formulation of 12th Five year Plan. The Working Group further constituted three sub-groups. One of the sub- groups has inter-alia suggested that legal measures may be taken to categorize OBCs into two sub- groups – Backward Class(BC) and Most Backward Class(MBC) on the basis of their social, economic and educational status. The Working Group has not provided any further details in this regard and no decision has been taken on it.