

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS  
LOK SABHA**

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ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS COMMISSION  
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**Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Administrative Reforms Commission has given any recommendation to undertake the backward class welfare activities on the pattern of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government on such recommendation; and
- (c) if not, the reaction of the Government and the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office.  
(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

- (a) to (c): The 2nd Administrative Reforms Commission (ARC) in its 7th Report titled 'Capacity Building for Conflict Resolution – Friction to Fusion' made the following recommendations on 'Issues related to other Backward Classes':
- (i) Government may work out the modalities of a survey and take up a statewide socio- economic survey of the 'Other Backward Classes', which could form the basis of policies and programmes to improve their status.
  - (ii) Government needs to formulate and implement a comprehensive scheme for capacity building of OBCs that would bring them at par with the rest of society.

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has a scheme of Assistance of voluntary organizations for Welfare of Other Backward Classes (OBCs). This inter alia aims at providing assistance to Non-Governmental Organisations for establishing Centers which equip the eligible OBCs by upgrading their skills to enable them to start income generating activities through self-employment/wage-employment. Besides, the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation provides financial assistance to State Channelising Agencies for project upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial skill of eligible members of backward classes.