

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2957  
ANSWERED ON:27.08.2013  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF NCBC  
Patil Shri A.T. Nana

**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) has recommended for reservation in promotions in Central Government services for all the OBCs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to provide reservation in promotions in Central Government services for all the OBCs?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI P. BALRAM NAIK)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): On reference received from the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Personnel & Training), NCBC had recommended that due to various reasons there are many communities among the OBCs whose social backwardness is much worse than some of the Scheduled Castes (SCs). The NCBC, therefore, recommended that the OBCs must be treated at par with SCs and STs in the matter of entry into public services and the advantage of reservation in promotions should be extended to them.

(c): The Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law & Justice in its report in 2005 on the reservation Bill, namely, the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (Reservation in Posts and Services) Bill, 2004 had recommended on the issue of reservation to OBCs in promotions that to meet the constitutional obligation to provide adequate representation to these classes, the Government should consider extending reservation to the members of OBCs in promotions also and bring an amendment to the Constitution to give effect to this proposal.

The recommendations of the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee was considered and it was felt that the condition of OBCs is very different from that of the SCs/STs both in terms of Constitutional provisions as well as ground realities.