

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

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INCOME LIMIT FOR OBC  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the definition of creamy layer in the context of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the country;
- (b) the details of the income limit of parents of OBC candidates for entry in Government services;
- (c) the income limit of parents for availing scholarship at various levels of education for students belonging to this category;
- (d) the details of the income limit of parents under scholarship schemes run by the Ministry of Human Resource Development for general category students at these levels of education;
- (e) whether the Union Government proposes to do away with the income limit of parents or bring it at par with the creamy layer to enable the talented students of Other Backward Classes to improve their qualification; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI KRISHAN PAL GURJAR)

- (a) & (b): The Supreme Court in its Judgement in the Indra Sawhney case, inter-alia, directed for exclusion of the socially advanced persons/sections from the benefit of reservation for Other Backward Classes. These advanced persons/sections are called the "Creamy Layer". The Government of India vide its OM dated 8.9.1993 has inter-alia categorised 5 categories of persons for the "Cream Layer". The present income limit at present under the income criteria of parents of OBC candidates for entry in Government services is Rs. 6 lakh per annum.
- (c): The annual income limit of parents of the students for availing scholarship under Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBC Students is Rs.44,500/- and for Post Matric Scholarship for OBC students is Rs.1.00 lakh.
- (d): For the Scheme run by Ministry of Human Resources Development, the parental income limit under the Central sector scheme of scholarship for college and university students and Special Scholarship scheme for Jammu & Kashmir is Rs. 6 lakhs per annum.
- (e): No.
- (f): Does not arise.