

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4996  
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SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BACKWARDNESS AMONG OBC  
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**Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the rural population of Other Backward Classes (OBC) engaged in various traditional occupations/artisanship are facing social and economic backwardness;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to improve their living standards;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to prepare any national policy for development and modernisation of traditional occupations/artisanship for the benefit of said communities; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a): No.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Loan facility and the skill upgradation to the artisans are being provided by the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation.
- (d): No.
- (e): Does not arise.