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Title: Need to accord assent to AP Kapu Reservation (of seats in educational institutions and appointments or posts in services under the State) Bill..

SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI) (ANAKAPALLI): Madam, I thank you for giving me the opportunity. This is a very important issue in our State. I request you to accord assent to AP Kapu Reservation (of seats in educational institutions and appointments or posts in services under the State) Bill.

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has decided to provide five per cent reservation for the Kapus by creating a Separate 'F' category among the list of backward classes. The State Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Shri N. Chadrababu Naidu, approved the long-pending demand to provide 5 per cent reservation for Kapus which was also an election promise.

Those belonging to the Kapus – Telaga, Baliya and Ontari community – will be classified under 'F' category for jobs and in various educational institutions. There was no place for political reservation in the Bill.

While the agrarian community of Kapus, who have been demanding reservation for more than two decades, have welcomed the decision of the A.P. Government.

The Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly had passed the AP Kapu Reservation (of seats in educational institutions and appointments or posts

in services under the State) Bill on Saturday in the winter Session of the Assembly held in December,2017.

The Bill was sent to the Governor, Shri E.S.L. Narasimhan to refer it to the Central Government for its inclusion in the Schedule IX of the Constitution which he did. Now the Bill is pending before the Central Government for approval.

The Kapu community is looking at the Central Government to provide a Constitutional status to the Bill even by resorting to amendment to the Constitution as in the case of Tamil Nadu to exceed the limit of 50 per cent reservation.

Therefore, I would urge upon the Central Government to clear the Bill at the earliest so that we can secure five per cent reservation in education institutions and jobs for the Kapu Community.

HON. SPEAKER: Now, I am only allowing one minute each to all of you. Please do not take too much time.