

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6149
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.04.2017**

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SOCIALLY AND EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD CLASSES

**6149. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:
SHRIMATI RAKSHATAI KHADSE:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for setting up of National Commission for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes to address grievances and claims of backward classes;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has examined all the requests for inclusion in the list of Other Backward Classes (OBCs); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Government has tabled a Bill in the Lok Sabha on 5.04.2017 titled “The Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty Third Amendment) Bill, 2017” for setting up of a National Commission for socially and educationally backward classes to be known as the “National Commission for Backward Classes”.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. As on date, the Central List of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) comprises 2494 entries. An ‘entry’ for this purpose includes caste, its synonyms and sub-castes. The latest recommendations of the NCBC contained in their Advices No. 1/All-India/2014 dated 15.04.2014 and No.2/All-India/2016 dated 13.10.2016 are regarding grant of OBC status to Transgender community and Orphans respectively.
