

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.559
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2024**

RESERVATION FOR OBCS IN EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

559. DR. T. SUMATHY (a) THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to abolish creamy layer in providing reservation for OBCs in both education and employment in the Government and public sectors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the effective steps taken by the Government to ensure Social Justice for people belonging to Other Backward Class (OBC) and Backward Class (BC) in the country; and
- (c) the details of the total vacancies available under OBC/BC category in all the Government jobs and the steps taken by the Government to expedite the filling of vacant posts under OBC/BC category?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)**

(a) & (b) : No Sir. The schemes being implemented by the Government to ensure Social Justice for the OBCs are:

- (i) In matter of direct recruitment to Central Government jobs and in admission to Central Government educational institutions. 27% reservation is available to the OBCs.
- (ii) Pre-Matric Scholarship for OBCs - for students of classes I to X.
- (iii) Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC students - for students of classes XI and XII.
- (iv) Dr. Ambedkar Scheme of Interest Subsidy on Educational Loan for Overseas Studies for OBCs/EBCs
- (v) National Fellowship for OBCs
- (vi) Construction of Hostels for OBC Boys and Girls
- (vii) Assistance for Skill Development of OBCs/DNTs/EBCs - .
- (viii) Launch of Venture Capital Fund for OBCs.
- (ix) Low Interest Loan/Finance Assistance Schemes of National Backward Classes Finance & Development Corporation (NBCFDC) for OBCs.

(c): As per information provided by the Department of Personnel & Training, occurrence and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. The representation of OBCs against the total appointment through direct recruitment is more than 27%.
