

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. †260
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2015**

†260. INDEPENDENT MINISTRY FOR OBCS

SHRI NANA PATOLE:

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

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up an independent Ministry for all round development of OBCs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): No.

(b): There is a full fledged Backward Classes Bureau with sufficient staff in the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to look after the welfare measures of Other Backward Classes (OBCs). Therefore, creation of a separate/independent Ministry for the welfare of OBCs is not considered as necessary at present.
