

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 281
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2015**

281. INCLUSION OF KUNCHITIGA CASTE IN OBC LIST

**KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:
SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:**

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

- (a) whether the Kunchitiga caste belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC) in Karnataka has been included in the Central List of OBCs;
- (b) whether the said caste has been included in the list of OBCs in the State of Andhra Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any representation from various stakeholders and Public Representatives in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details and status thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): 'Kunchitiga' caste/community has not been included in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

(c) & (d): Yes. Based on various representations and proposals the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) had considered the case for inclusion of 'Kunchitiga' caste/community in the Central List of OBC for the State of Karnataka in the years 1998 and 2004, and the request to include the community in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Karnataka was rejected.
