

Statement

List of Castes/Communities for which requests are received from State Governments for inclusion in the Central List of OBC and Action taken by NCBC thereon

Sl. No.	State/UTs	Number of Castes/ Communities	Action taken by NCBC
1.	Odisha	03	Report has been asked from the State Government
2.	Haryana	06	Under process awaiting the SECC data
3.	Chhattisgarh	55	Report has been asked from the State Government
4.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	05	Report has been asked from the State Government
5.	Gujarat	08	Report has been asked from the State Government
6.	Karnataka	22	Report has been asked from the State Government
7.	Kerala	04	Report has been asked from the State Government
8.	Maharashtra	106	Report has been asked from the State Government
9.	Puducherry	10	Public Hearing is scheduled in March 2016
10.	West Bengal	34	Under process
TOTAL		253	

Reservation for "Dalits" in education and Government jobs

918. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any reservation available exclusively for "Dalits" in education and Government jobs and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government is planning a separate quota for "Dalits" on the same lines as of Scheduled Castes and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The term “Dalit” has neither been defined in the Constitution nor in any law in force. However, the term Scheduled caste has been defined in clause (24) of Article 366 of the Constitution of India. There is already reservation for Scheduled Castes in educational institutions and services under the State.

Deployment of regional positioning system

919. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is undertaking a project to deploy a regional positioning system for India if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what is progress and budget allocated for the project, and the details of the benefit of such project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has undertaken a project for developing an indigenous regional positioning system for India known as Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS).

IRNSS consists of seven satellites in a constellation, three satellites in geostationary orbit (GEO) and four satellites in geosynchronous orbit (GSO). The objective of IRNSS is to provide positioning and navigational services for India and surrounding region up to 1500 Km. with an absolute position accuracy of better than 20 metres.

(b) Out of the 7 satellites required in the constellation, five satellites namely, IRNSS-1A, 1B, 1C, 1D and 1E have already been operationalised in-orbit. Remaining two satellites, IRNSS-1F and 1G are planned to be placed in orbit by March/April 2016. With regard to ground infrastructure to operate IRNSS constellation, all primary facilities have been established. Establishment of backup navigation and timing centres is in progress. Two ranging and integrity monitoring stations are contemplated in Indonesia and Mauritius, for which the work is under progress.

A budget of ₹ 1420 crores has been approved by the Government for the realisation of IRNSS programme including satellites and associated ground segment.

The benefits of IRNSS programme include – (i) establishing India's own independent navigational satellite system providing position, navigation and timing services and (ii) enabling applications in the areas viz. terrestrial, aerial and marine navigation, vehicle tracking, fleet management, precision timing services for power grid synchronisation etc.