

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO – 448
ANSWERED ON - 06/12/2023

INCLUSION OF BACKWARD CASTES IN CENTRAL OBC LIST

448. SHRI KANAKAMEDALA RAVINDRA KUMAR

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

(a) whether State Government of Andhra Pradesh has forwarded the detailed status report along with other supporting data for inclusion of Sistakaranam, Kalinga Vysya, Sondi and Aravala the largest backward castes in the Central OBC List;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether Government has any proposal to include these castes in the Central OBC List;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons there for?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(SUSHRI PRATIMA BHOUMIK)

(a) to (f) Yes sir. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has forwarded their recommendations for inclusion of Sistakaranam, Kalinga Vysya, Sondi and Arava castes in the Central OBC List. Inclusion of new castes in the Central List of OBCs is done as per provisions of Article 342A of the Constitution.
