

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding Caste-based Census and filling up of vacant posts-laid

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU (SRIKAKULAM): As I have stated in the past, I reiterate my demand that the Government should conduct a caste based census in India. At present India's population is around 138 crores, but subsequent Governments have used the 1931 data when the population was just around 27 crores. This flawed data has resulted in obsolete policies which unfairly deny the opportunity for many who deserve a fair chance. Additionally, I demand the creation of a separate Ministry for the welfare of development of Backward Classes. This will ensure concerted and efficient efforts towards the welfare and development of the OBC community. As on 1st January 2021, 9 major ministries/departments of the Union Government had more than 19,000 vacancies against the OBC reserved seats. Similarly, the number was around 17000 for SCs and 13000 for STs. Sadly, the objective of reservation is nullified by the non-filling of these vacancies. Thus, the Government must formulate an action plan to fill these vacancies at the earliest in an efficient manner.