

Need to establish proposed Equal Opportunity Commission in the country-Laid

SHRI E. T. MOHAMMED BASHEER (MALAPPURAM): The proposal for an Equal Opportunity Commission (EOC) in India has been discussed for several years but has not been fully implemented. The idea behind the EOC is to address discrimination in various sectors, including education, employment, housing, and healthcare, among others. The concept of an EOC was first suggested by the Sachar Committee, which was tasked with studying the social, economic, and educational status of the Muslim community in India. The committee recommended the establishment of an EOC to ensure equal opportunity for all, regardless of religion, caste, or gender. The Expert Group on Diversity Index (2008) Following the Sachar Committee, another expert group recommended creating an EOC to implement diversity index measures and address discrimination in the private sector. Developments Despite these recommendations, the establishment of the EOC has faced various challenges, including legal, political, and administrative hurdles. The proposal has been debated in public forums and among policymakers, but there has been limited concrete action toward its establishment. Current Status as of now, the EOC has not been established. Discussions and debates around the necessity and framework of such a commission continue, but the legislative or executive steps to set it up have not been taken.