

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

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RESERVATION ON ECONOMIC GROUNDS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received representations from various quarters for giving reservation on economic grounds;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) Request was received from the then Chief Minister of Rajasthan in 2003 for extending benefit of reservation on economic criteria. Several other representations have been received from other individuals/organizations.

(c) A Commission for Economically Backward Classes has been constituted to suggest, inter alia, criteria for identification of economically backward classes, recommend the welfare measures and quantum of reservation in education and Government Employment.