

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

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POPULATION OF OBCS

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

- (a) whether contradictory figures have come up regarding population of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in the country through various reports;
- (b) if so, the contents of the reports of the National Sample Survey Organisation for 1999-2000 and that of the Mandal Commission regarding population of OBCs in the country;
- (c) the report which has been accepted by the Government for providing reservations to OBCs; and
- (d) the reasons for rejecting the other report?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) The Report of the National Backward Classes Commission (Mandal Commission) in 1980 gave an estimate of OBC population as 52% of total population based on 1931 Census. National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in its sixth quinquennial survey on Employment & Unemployment and Consumer Expenditure in 1999-2000 estimated that the OBC population is 36% of total population. Both the reports are in public domain.

(c) & (d) Reservation to OBCs in Government and public sector employment in 1990 was based on the Mandal Commission report whereas the NSSO Report pertains to the year 1999-2000.