

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

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INCREASE IN RESERVATION QUOTA FOR SCS .

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

- (a) Whether the Government is contemplating to increase the reservation quota for Scheduled Castes in proportion to the increase in their population;
- (b) If so, whether rate of increase in the population of Scheduled Castes has been assessed;
- (c) If so, the details thereof; and
- (d) The time by which the proposal in this regard is likely to be finalised?

Answer

MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. MEIRA KUMAR)

(a) to (d) Representations have been received for providing reservation for Scheduled Castes in proportion to their population percentage. In accordance with the 2001 Census, the population of Scheduled Castes is 16.23% of the total population.