

Title: Need to provide adequate Central assistance to the Government of Karnataka for implementation of several schemes for the welfare of backward classes in the State.

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ (TUMKUR): The State Government of Karnataka has been implementing several schemes for the welfare of backward classes. No doubt, the State Government is increasing its budget for the welfare of backward classes every year. But it is not sufficient to meet the growing genuine needs of poor backward classes as well as rural segments in the State.

I request the Union Government to provide adequate funds to meet the requirement and also request the Union Government to provide funds for the welfare of these classes under special Central Assistance Scheme in proportion to the backward as well as rural population. The State Government of Karnataka may be provided funds for scholarships for the students in junior colleges, sanction of tuition fee for professional courses, opening of new backward classes hostels, construction of residential schools and hostel buildings. Needless to say without Central assistance, it would be extremely difficult for the State Government of Karnataka alone to improve the lot of backward classes in the State.