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Title: Need to create a separate Ministry for Other Backward Classes.

SHRI PONNAM PRABHAKAR (KARIMNAGAR): I would like to draw the kind attention of the august House regarding the urgent need to carve out a separate Ministry of Other Backward Classes.

As we all know that in all States especially in Andhra Pradesh, OBC people constitute more than 50 per cent population in the names of various castes. Despite having more than 50 per cent of population, OBCs are still lagging behind in availing facilities from education to employment levels. Many schemes are being introduced by Government of India and States also. But I feel that schemes meant for OBCs are not reaching to them properly due to lack of proper platform at the national level. This demand is pending since Independence and so far not fulfilled. If the Government sets up an OBC Ministry, it will definitely guide and enable the OBCs in our country to avail the schemes and facilities meant for them at the national level and enable them to lead their life with honour and dignity.

I, therefore, request the Hon'ble Prime Minister, through the Chair, to kindly intervene in the matter and carve out a separate Ministry for Other Backward Classes to help the OBC people.