

Title: Need to raise the income limit upto Rs. 2 lakh per annum for eligibility under layer due to implementation of Fifth Pay Commission's recommendations.

SHRI CHENGARA SURENDRAN (ADOOR): Sir, the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission have been implemented. As a result, there is considerable increase in the salaries of Central Government employees. But I would like to draw the attention of the Government to another aspect of this pay hike. When recommendations of the Mandal Commission were implemented, the concept of creamy layer also came into force. Accordingly, a person, to become eligible for availing the benefit of OBC reservation should obtain a certificate that he does not belong to the persons/sections (creamy layer) mentioned in column 3 of the Schedule to the Government of India, Department of Personnel O.M. No. 36012/22/93 - Estt. (SCT) dated 8.09.93. The annual income ceiling for obtaining such a certificate is Rs.1 lakh. But this has become meaningless due to the implementation of Fifth Pay Commission and consequent hike in salary. Therefore, I would request the Union Government to urgently raise the income ceiling for eligibility under creamy layer up to Rs.2 lakh instead of the existing Rs.1 lakh.