

# Commission for Subcategorization of OBC

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Despite reservation for OBCs in educational institutions and government jobs, certain subsections continue to be marginalized within the socially and economically backward sections. The Commission aims to rectify it through subcategorization.

## Recent Developments

The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister approved the extension of the term of the Commission to examine the issue of Sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes, by 6 months i.e. upto 31.1.2021.

The Communities in the existing list of OBCs which have not been able to get any major benefit of the scheme of reservation for OBCs for appointment in Central Government posts and for admission in Central Government Educational Institutions are expected to be benefitted upon implementation of the recommendations of the Commission. The Commission is likely to make **recommendations for the benefit of such marginalized communities in the Central List of OBCs.**

The Commission was constituted under **article 340** of the Constitution In 2017. The Commission, headed by Justice (Retd.) Smt. G. Rohini commenced functioning on 11th October, 2017 and has since interacted with all the States/UTs which have subcategorized OBCs, and the State Backward Classes Commissions. The

Commission has come to the view that it would require some more time to submit its report since the repetitions, ambiguities, inconsistencies and errors of spelling or transcription etc. appearing in the existing Central List of

OBCs need to be cleared.

Due to the nationwide lockdown and restrictions on travel imposed on account of COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission was not able to go perform the task assigned to it and hence its tenure has been extended.

**Number of castes in the OBC list:**

| Sl.No | State/UT           | No. of Entries as in the Central List of OBCs 12.04.2018 |
|-------|--------------------|--|
| 1     | Andhra Pradesh     | 104  |
| 2     | Arunachal Pradesh* | 0  |
| 3     | Assam              | 28   |
| 4     | Bihar              | 132  |
| 5     | Chhattisgarh       | 67   |
| 6     | Goa                | 17   |
| 7     | Gujarat            | 105  |
| 8     | Haryana            | 73   |
| 9     | Himachal Pradesh   | 52   |
| 10    | J & K              | 23   |
| 11    | Jharkhand          | 134  |
| 12    | Karnataka**        | 199  |
| 13    | Kerala             | 83   |
| 14    | Madhya Pradesh     | 68   |
| 15    | Maharashtra        | 256  |
| 16    | Manipur            | 4  |
| 17    | Mizoram*           | 0  |
| 18    | Meghalaya*         | 0  |
| 19    | Nagaland*          | 0  |
| 20    | Orissa             | 197  |
| 21    | Punjab             | 65   |

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|----|----------------------|------|
| 22 | Rajasthan            | 69   |
| 23 | Sikkim               | 8    |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu           | 182  |
| 25 | Telangana            | 86   |
| 26 | Tripura              | 42   |
| 27 | Uttar Pradesh        | 76   |
| 28 | Uttrakhand           | 78   |
| 29 | West Bengal          | 98   |
| 30 | A & N Islands        | 5    |
| 31 | Chandigarh           | 60   |
| 32 | Daman & Diu          | 44   |
| 33 | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | 10   |
| 34 | Delhi                | 56   |
| 35 | Lakshadweep*         | 0    |
| 36 | Puducherry           | 58   |
|    | Grand Total          | 2479 |

\*States/UTs have no notified list of OBC