

# Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2022

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**In news**– The Rajya Sabha has passed the Constitution (Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST)) Orders (Amendment) Bill, 2022 recently.

## **Key features of the bill-**

- The bill seeks to amend the Constitution (SC & ST) Order, 1950 for inclusion of certain communities in the list of Scheduled Tribes in relation to the States of Tripura, Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh.
- With respect to **Jharkhand**, the bill removed the **Bhogta caste from the list of SCs and included additional communities in the list. The Bhogta caste will be included instead as STs in the State.**
- The Bill further amends the schedule to the Scheduled Tribes order to include the **Deshwari, Ganjhu, Dautalbandi (Dwalbandi), Patbandi, Raut, Maajhia, Khairi (Kheri), Tamaría (Tamadia) and Puran communities** in the Scheduled Tribes list of the **Jharkhand**.
- With respect to **Uttar Pradesh**, the Bill amended the SC order to exclude Gond community as a Scheduled Caste in **four districts of Uttar Pradesh:** (i) Chandauli, (ii) Kushinagar, (iii) Sant Kabir Nagar, and (iv) Sant Ravidas Nagar and to recognise Gond community as a Scheduled Tribe in these four districts.
- When it comes to **Tripura**, it **proposes the “Darlong” community as a sub-tribe of “Kuki” in the list of Scheduled Tribes.** The amendment is proposed because in hilly areas the people of the same community are residing as different sub tribes and are excluded from

the list for longtime.

- The government keeps amending the lists originally notified in 1950, based on requests made by the States.