

## The Commission Constituted for the Reservation of Backward Submitted the Survey Report to the Chief Minister

## Why In News?

On March 9, 2023, the UP State Local Bodies Dedicated Backward Classes Commission, set up to fix reservation for backward classes in the civic elections, submitted a report to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

## **Key points**

- It is known that people had filed a petition in the court objecting to the reservation list issued by the Urban Development Department for the municipal elections. On this basis, the High Court had directed to conduct elections without reservation.
- The government went to the Supreme Court against this decision. The Supreme Court had directed the government to form a commission and prepare a report by March 31 after surveying the districts, but this report has been submitted to the government about 22 days before the deadline. This report of 350 pages has been prepared in 2 months and 10 days.
- the state government had On December 28, 2022, constituted a five-member commission under the chairmanship of retired High Court Judge Ram Autar Singh. After the formation, the Commission conducted a survey of the backward population in all the 75 districts of the state as well as examined the data of backward castes shown in the rapid survey, reservation list issued by the government earlier, cyclical process etc.
- During the visit to the district, the Commission also informed the Chief Minister about the loopholes found in reservation and rapid survey process and suggested measures to remove them.
- After getting the report of the commission, it will now be approved in the cabinet. After this, giving the information of the report to the Supreme Court, permission will be sought to hold civic elections in Uttar Pradesh.
- Official sources say that there will be a big change in the reservation of seats based on the report
  of the commission. The Urban Development Department will make fresh reservation for the seats
  of Mayor and President based on triple test. Many unreserved seats can go to the account of OBCs.
- A highly placed source of the department says that the state government will place the commission's report in the Supreme Court this month and seek permission to hold elections. As soon as permission is received from the Supreme Court, the work of reservation of the seats of mayor and president will be started. By the end of March, objections will be taken by issuing a provisional notification of reservation of seats, so that it can be finalized.

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