

## **Bihar Appeals Supreme Court**

## Why in News?

Recently, The Bihar government appealed to <u>the Supreme Court</u> against the **Patna** <u>High Court's</u> decision to **strike down the new reservation law** in the state.

## **Key Points**

- The quota was raised by the Bihar government after it carried out a <u>caste survey</u> in the state.
- The Patna High Court struck down the Bihar government's decision to increase the reservation quota from 50% to 65% for <u>Backward Classes (BC)</u>, <u>Extremely Backward Classes (EBC)</u>, <u>Scheduled Castes (SC)</u> and <u>Scheduled Tribes (ST)</u> in educational institutions and government jobs.

## Reservation

- Reservation is a form of positive discrimination, created to promote equality among marginalised sections and to protect them from social and historical injustice.
- It gives preferential treatment to marginalised sections of society in employment and access to education.
- It was also originally developed to correct years of discrimination and to give a boost to disadvantaged groups.

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