

Recommendation for Bifurcation of SC Quota in Haryana

Why in News?

Recently, The <u>Haryana State Commission for Scheduled Castes</u> has recommended that **one-half of the 20% quota reserved for the** <u>Scheduled Castes</u> **in government jobs** will be **set aside for candidates from deprived Scheduled Castes**.

It comprises 36 castes such as Balmikis, Dhanaks, Khatik and Mazhabi Sikhs.

Key Points

- The commission conducted a data analysis to ascertain the inadequacy of representation of Scheduled Castes (SCs) in public employment because of their backwardness.
- The commission's report to the council of ministers recommends that if suitable candidates from deprived Scheduled Castes are unavailable, candidates from other Scheduled Castes, including Chamars, Jatav, Mochi, Raigars, Ramdasias, and Ravidasisas, may be considered to fill vacant posts.
 - It also suggests reserving half of the 20% Scheduled Caste quota for candidates from other Scheduled Castes.
 - If candidates from these groups are unavailable, candidates from deprived
 Scheduled Castes may be considered.
 - The report emphasizes that the order of seniority will be based on a common merit list without the need for separate points within the existing system.
- According to <u>The Supreme Court</u>, the **state can** <u>sub-classify SCs</u> based on factors such as inadequate representation of certain castes.
 - However, it stipulated that the state must demonstrate that the inadequate representation of a caste or group is due to its backwardness, and must gather data on the inadequacy of representation in the state's services, as it is used as an indicator of backwardness.

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