



Telangana Begins Sub-Categorization of SCs

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Recently, the Telangana government has initiated the process of categorizing **Scheduled Castes (SCs)** into four distinct sub-groups: A, B, C, and D.

- This development follows the **Supreme Court's** landmark judgment which granted states the authority to [sub-classify reserved categories](#), including **Scheduled Castes (SCs)** and **Scheduled Tribes (STs)**, for reservation purposes.
- **Supreme Court Ruling:**
 - The Supreme Court, in a [review-judgment of Punjab and Haryana High Court](#), allowed states to sub-classify SCs and STs under [Article 14 of the Constitution](#) based on **varying levels of backwardness**.
 - It ruled that the '**creamy layer**' principle, previously applied only to [Other Backward Classes \(OBCs\)](#) (as highlighted in [Indra Sawhney Case](#)), should **now also be applied to SCs and STs**.
 - It also held that reservations are applicable **solely to the first generation**; if a family member has availed of the benefits, the **second generation becomes ineligible**.

Read More: [SC Allows for Sub-Classification of SCs and STs](#)

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