



Increase in Income Limit of OBC

Why in News?

Recently, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini announced an **increase in annual income** limit for [creamy layer of Other Backward Classes \(OBC\)](#) from ₹6 lakh to ₹8 lakh.

Key Points

- The primary goal is to safeguard the welfare of the OBC community in Haryana and provide **substantial benefits to the youth in government jobs**.
- The chief minister stated that the [reservation quota for backward classes](#) in **Group-A and Group-B positions**, presently at 15%, will be **raised to 27%**, aligning with the [policy of the Central government](#).

Reservation in India

- In exercise of the powers conferred by [Article 340](#) of the Constitution, the President appointed a backward class commission in December 1978 under the chairmanship of [B. P. Mandal](#).
- The commission was formed to determine the criteria for **defining India's "socially and educationally backward classes"** and to recommend steps to be taken for the advancement of those classes.
- The Mandal Commission concluded that India's population consisted of approximately 52 percent OBCs, therefore **27% government jobs should be reserved** for them.
- The commission has developed **eleven indicators** of social, educational, and economic backwardness.
- Apart from identifying backward classes among Hindus, the Commission has also identified **backward classes among non-Hindus** (e.g., Muslims, Sikhs, Christians, and Buddhists).
- It has generated an all-India other backward classes (OBC) list of 3,743 castes and a more underprivileged "depressed backward classes" list of 2,108 castes.