



New SC Reservation Categories in Haryana

Why in News?

Recently, the Chief Minister of Haryana implemented **sub-classification within** the [Scheduled Castes \(SC\)](#) for reservation in government jobs.

Key Points

- **Supreme Court Ruling on SC Sub-Classification:**
 - On 1st August 2024, **the Supreme Court** ruled that **states have the constitutional authority to create [sub-classifications within the Scheduled Castes \(SC\) category](#)**, acknowledging its social diversity.
 - Following the ruling, the **Haryana government approved** the SC sub-classification in its first cabinet meeting.
- **Sub-Divisions in Haryana:**
 - The **Haryana State Commission for Scheduled Castes** recommended dividing SC reservations into **two categories**:
 - **Deprived Scheduled Castes (DSC):** It includes **36 castes**, such as Dhanaks, Balmikis, Mazhabi Sikhs, and Khatiks, which would receive 50% of the SC reservation quota in jobs due to inadequate representation.
 - **Other Scheduled Castes (OSC):** It includes castes like Chamar, Jatia Chamar, Rehgar, Raigar, Ramdasi, Ravidasi, Jatav, Mochi, and Ramdasia.
- **Educational Quota for DSC in Haryana:**
 - In 2020, Haryana enacted the **Scheduled Castes (Reservation in Admission in Educational Institutions) Act**, reserving **50% of SC seats in higher education institutions** for the **DSC category**.