



Bihar Appeals Supreme Court

Why in News?

Recently, The Bihar government appealed to [the Supreme Court](#) against the **Patna High Court's** 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 [caste survey](#) in the state.
- The Patna High Court struck down the Bihar government's decision to increase the reservation quota from 50% to 65% for [Backward Classes \(BC\)](#), [Extremely Backward Classes \(EBC\)](#), [Scheduled Castes \(SC\)](#) and [Scheduled Tribes \(ST\)](#) 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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