



Bihar Caste Survey to be Put in Public Domain: SC

Why in News?

Recently, the Supreme Court asked the Bihar government **to put the break-up of the [caste survey data in the public domain](#)** to enable aggrieved persons to challenge the findings.

- The advocate appearing on behalf of the Bihar government have said that the data, caste wise is already available in the public domain

Key Points

- The panel of justices **declined to provide any assistance to the petitioners who have contested the caste survey** and the verdict of the Patna High Court that supports the Bihar government's decision to carry out such a task.
- The Bihar Caste Survey, 2023 revealed that **[Other Backward Classes \(OBCs\)](#)** and Extremely Backward Classes (EBCs) **together constitute 63 % of the state's total population.**
 - According to the data released, the **state's total population stood at a little over 13.07 crore**, out of which the **EBCs (36%) were the largest social segment** followed by the OBCs at 27.13%.
- Since the survey data is out, **the authorities have started implementing it in the interim and raised the reservation** for SCs, STs, OBCs, EBCs, and **[Economically Weaker Sections \(EWS\)](#)** to a total of 75% from the existing 50%.

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