



# Haryana Approves SC Sub-Classification

## Why in News?

The **Haryana council of ministers** accepted the recommendations of the **state commission for Scheduled Castes** to create **subclassification of scheduled castes (SC)**.

## Key Points

- **Objective:** The **sub-classification** intends to ensure more **equitable distribution of benefits and opportunities**, especially in educational and employment sectors, by recognizing the distinct needs of different SC communities.
- **Panel Recommendation:** The commission suggested creating a new category of **SCs** to provide better representation and assistance to the more disadvantaged sections within the SC community.
  - Commission recommended subclassification be done for the purpose of reservation in government jobs into two categories:
    - **Deprived Scheduled Castes (DSC)**, comprising **36 castes** such as Balmikis, Dhanaks, Mazhabi Sikhs, Khatik,
    - **Other Scheduled Castes (OSC)**, comprising castes such as Chamar, Jatia Chamar, Rehgar, Raigar, Ramdasi, Ravidasi, Jatav, Mochi, Ramdasia.
- **Implementation:** The state government plans to implement this sub-classification through amendments in existing policies and schemes to reflect the new categories and ensure targeted support.
- **Potential Impact:** This move is expected to improve the effectiveness of affirmative action policies by addressing the specific needs of different SC groups and enhancing their socio-economic status.

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