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Government of India
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

5. **Developments subsequent to CCPA's directions dated 22.08.2005**

Government has, from time to time, received certain recommendations from the following Commissions/Committee on this subject, gist of which is given in Annexures shown against them, below :-

S. No.	Name of Commission/Committee	Annexure no., where relevant recommendation is enclosed.
1	National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities	XIII, p.50-51
2	Prime Minister's High Level Committee on Social, Economic and Educational status of the Muslim community of India (Sachar Committee)	XIV, p.52-54
3	National Commission for Scheduled Castes	XV, p.55
4	National Commission for Backward Classes	XVI, p.56
5	National Commission for Minorities	XVII, p.57-68

6. **Present position of the writ petitions before the Supreme Court**

The Ministry had been seeking adjournment in the cases mentioned in para 3, pending finalization of government stand. However, when the case came up last for hearing in writ petition No.180 of 2004 and 4 connected petitions on 21.1.2011, the Supreme Court ordered to implead the National Commission for Minorities and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, as respondents and decided to examine the constitutional validity of para 3 of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950. The apex court also decided to take up the matter for final disposal on 24.02.2011. A copy of the Supreme Court's Order dated 21.01.2011 is at Annexure-XVIII, p.69-72.

7. **Implications of widening the ambit of SCs, on reservation for them in public employment and admission to educational institutions:**

At present there is a reservation of 15% for SCs in appointment to posts in Central Government and Central undertakings, and in admission to Central Institutions of Higher Education. Generally, States also have reservation for SCs in employment and education, in line with the percentage of SCs in the State's total population.

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