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implemented, it would be advisable to thoroughly examine the socio-legal aspect of this measure. Besides, overall increase in the population of Scheduled Castes is also to be reckoned with. The population of Neo Buddhist as well as those of Christians converts from amongst Scheduled Castes will swell the population of this category considerably.

Stratification among Christians on the basis of Castes could well become a matter of international controversy and the opinion of the highest Christian authority (ies) in India as well as abroad is required to be sought in this connection before arriving on any decision. Otherwise it may be misunderstood internationally as if India is imposing its caste system among Christians. The ORGI's view on the proposal may be considered. Besides, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment may examine the socio-legal aspect of this issue before taking any policy decision.

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