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Views of the National Commission for Backward Classes

Since in regard to certain States and Union Territories, Scheduled Castes converts to Christianity, and Muslims of certain communities have been classified as OBCs in the Central List, the comments of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) were invited in terms of Section 11 (2) of the National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993 (NCBC). The NCBC, in its letter dated 02.03.2009, said stated that since the Commission's mandate is only to recommend inclusion / exclusion of castes / communities in the Central Lists of Other Backward Classes, it has no comments to offer in the matter. It further stated that the Central List of SC converts to Christianity being generalized in nature and not specific and as there is no specific mention in regard to SC converts to Islam in the Central List of OBCs, it is not possible to identify them. The NCBC also informed that since caste wise Census has not been carried out since 1931, State/ Union Territory wise percentage of SC converted to Christianity and Islam who find a place in the Central List of OBCs, is not available with the Commission.

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