

Views of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes

As required under Article 338 (9) of the Constitution of India, the views of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) were sought on the reports of NCRLM and Sachar Committee vide this Ministry's O.M. dated 04.07.2007. The NCSC, vide their letter dated 28.12.2007, informed as under:-

“Reservation should be extended to them but the share of 15% of SCs should not be disturbed and the element of reservation for these communities (Dalit Muslims and Dalit Christians) should be determined by the Government keeping in view their population. As per the direction of the Supreme Court, the overall reservation of 50% has to be maintained.”

However, subsequently, the NCSC vide its letter dated 16.7.2010, communicated decision taken in its meeting held on 22.4.2010, which while reiterating its earlier stand, also fully endorsed the recommendations contained in the report of NCRLM. This appears to be internally inconsistent, for which a clarification has been sought from the NCSC.