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National Commission for the Backward Classes

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Why is in news? There is no time limit given by law to reconstitute NCBC, Centre tells HC

The NCBC was formed as an initiative for **investigating the conditions and difficulties of the socially and educationally backward classes** and to make appropriate recommendations concerning them.

Two Backward Class Commissions were established under the leadership of **Kaka Kalekar and B.P. Mandal in the 1950s and the 1970s**, respectively.

The **Indra Sawhney case of 1992** led to the establishment of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC). The SC directed the Government of India, State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to **constitute a permanent body in the nature of a Commission or Tribunal** for entertaining, examining and recommending upon requests for inclusion and complaints of over-inclusion and under-inclusion in the list of OBCs.

National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) was **initially constituted** by the Central Govt by the **National Commission for Backward Classes Act, of 1993**.

In August 2018, the **123rd Amendment Act of 2017** received presidential approval, giving **NCBC constitutional status**, under the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.

Article 338B, forming a Commission for the **socially and educationally backward classes** to be known as National Commission for Backward Classes.

The President is given the authority to name socially and educationally backward classes in **various states and union territories** under **Article 342A**.

The Commission consists of: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Three other Members in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India are **appointed by the President**.

Their condition of service and tenure of office has been notified by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

NCBC is headquartered in Delhi.

Powers and Functions:

To **investigate and monitor** all the matters of the socially and educationally backward classes under the Constitution or under any other law that are related to the proper working of the safeguards provided.

To **participate and advise actively** on the socio-economic development of the socially backward classes along with evaluating the progress of their development.

It annually **presents the reports** based on the working of the safeguards to the **President**. If any of those reports relate to any matter which is concerned with the State Government, a copy of that report is forwarded to the State

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Government.

NCBC is responsible for the **protection, welfare, development and advancement** of the socially and educationally backward classes.