

North Block, New Delhi,  
Dated: September 13, 2017

**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

Subject: Revision of income criteria to exclude socially advanced persons/sections (Creamy Layer) from the purview of reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs)-reg.

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to this Department's Office Memorandum No. 36012/22/93-Estt. (SCT) dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1993 which, inter-alia, provided that sons and daughters of persons having gross annual income of ₹ 1 lakh or above for a period of three consecutive years would fall within the creamy layer and would not be entitled to get the benefit of reservation available to the Other Backward Classes. The aforesaid limit of income for determining the creamy layer status was subsequently raised to ₹ 2.5 lakh, ₹ 4.5 lakh and ₹ 6 lakh vide this Department's OM No. 36033/3/2004-Estt. (Res.) dated 09.03.2004, OM No. 36033/3/2004-Estt. (Res.) dated 14.10.2008 and OM No. 36033/1/2013-Estt. (Res.) dated 27.05.2013 respectively.

2. It has now been decided to raise the income limit from ₹ 6 lakh to ₹ 8 lakh per annum for determining the creamy layer amongst the Other Backward Classes. Accordingly, the expression "₹ 6 lakh" under Category VI in the Schedule to this Department's aforesaid O.M. dated 8<sup>th</sup> September, 1993 would be substituted by "₹ 8 lakh".
3. The provisions of this office memorandum have effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017.
4. All the Ministries/Departments are requested to bring the contents of this office memorandum to the notice of all concerned.



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To:

1. All the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.
2. Department of Financial Services, New Delhi.
3. Department of Public Enterprises, New Delhi.
4. Railway Board, New Delhi.
5. Union Public Service Commission/Supreme Court of India/Election Commission of India/Lok Sabha Secretariat/Rajya Sabha Secretariat/Cabinet Secretariat/Central Vigilance Commission/President's Secretariat/Prime Minister's Office/Niti Aayog.
6. Staff Selection Commission, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
7. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

8. National Commission for Scheduled Castes/National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. National Commission for Backward Classes, Trikoot-1, Bhikaji Cama Place, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.
10. Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, 10 Bahadur Shah Jafar Marg, New Delhi-110002.
11. Director General, Press Information Bureau, National Media Centre, 7E Raisina Road, New Delhi – with a request to give wide publicity to this OM
12. The NIC, DoPT with a request to upload it at the website of this Department in OMs & Orders > Estt. (Res.) > SC/ST/OBC and in 'What's New'

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The Chief Secretaries of all the States/Union Territories for information and necessary action.



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