

LOK SABHA

SYNOPSIS OF DEBATES
(Proceedings other than Questions & Answers)

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 / Agrahayana 19, 1941 (Saka)

***MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

- (1) **SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH** laid a statement regarding augmentation of railway services in Araria district, Bihar.
- (2) **SHRI MANOJ KOTAK** laid a statement regarding pilot project for production of electricity and high-speed diesel from plastic waste.
- (3) **SHRI RAMDAS TADAS** laid a statement regarding need to enhance the amount provided to beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Grameen) at par with PMAY (Urban).
- (4) **SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL** laid a statement regarding inclusion of Bhojpuri, Bhoti and Rajasthani in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution.
- (5) **SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR** laid a statement regarding need to augment railway services in North 24 Pargana district in West Bengal.

* Laid on the Table as directed by the Speaker/Chair.

- (6) **SHRI SHANKAR LALWANI** laid a statement regarding need to introduce high speed train service from Indore to Mumbai and Delhi.
- (7) **SHRI AJAY NISHAD** laid a statement regarding need to make adequate arrangement for issuance of Golden card under Ayushman Bharat Yojana in Muzaffarpur Parliamentary Constituency, Bihar.
- (8) **SHRI JUGAL KISHORE SHARMA** laid a statement regarding need to provide a special package for farmers who suffered loss of their paddy crops due to unseasonal rains and hailstorms in Jammu Parliamentary Constituency, J &K.
- (9) **ADV. AJAY BHATT** laid a statement regarding alleged negligence in construction of NH-74 in Udham Singh Nagar district, Uttarakhand.
- (10) **SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE** laid a statement regarding need to organize armed forces recruitment rallies in Latur Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra.
- (11) **DR.BHARATIBEN D. SHYAL** laid a statement regarding need to expedite doubling of Botad-Sabarmati and Dhasa-Jetalsar-Junagarh railway lines in Gujarat.
- (12) **SHRI JAMYANG TSERING NAMGYAL** laid a statement regarding problems being faced by residents residing in Leh and Kargil districts of Ladakh.

- (13) **SHRI GANESH SINGH** laid a statement regarding need to provide employment to all land oustees in railways and make it a policy decision.
- (14) **SHRI MOHAN MANDAVI** laid a statement regarding need to set up industries in Kanker and Baster in Chhattisgarh.
- (15) **SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV** laid a statement regarding need to remove CSAT paper from Civil Services Examination.
- (16) **SHRIMATI GITABEN V. RATHVA** laid a statement regarding need to establish Kendriya Vidyalayas in Chhota Udaipur Parliamentary Constituency, Gujarat.
- (17) **SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB** laid a statement regarding need to provide funds for development of Satkosia wildlife Sanctuary in Odisha.
- (18) **SHRI T. N. PRATHAPAN** laid a statement regarding need to provide free public education to all.
- (19) **SHRI H VASANTHAKUMAR** laid a statement regarding need to check crime against women and children.
- (20) **SHRI M.K. RAGHAVAN** laid a statement regarding need to extend visa-on-arrival facility to Kozhikode International Airport in Kerala.
- (21) **DR. T. SUMATHY(A)THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN** laid a statement regarding need to provide funds for construction of

houses under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) in Chennai Metropolitan Area under South Chennai Parliamentary Constituency, Tamil Nadu.

- (22) **SHRI S. GNANATHIRAVIAM** laid a statement regarding revival of Nanguneri SEZ in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu.
- (23) **SHRI BELLANA CHANDRA SEKHAR** laid a statement regarding need to repair 50 km stretch of National Highway 26 in Andhra Pradesh.
- (24) **PROF. SOUGATA RAY** laid a statement regarding RBI monetary policy.
- (25) **SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT** laid a statement regarding the issue of final Eco-sensitive Notification of Western Ghats.
- (26) **DR. ALOK KUMAR SUMAN** laid a statement regarding need to construct a permanent building for Kendriya Vidyalaya, Gopalganj, Bihar.
- (27) **SHRI K. NAVASKANI** laid a statement regarding need to set up special centre of Aligarh Muslim University in Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu.
- (28) **SHRI S VENKATESAN** laid a statement regarding need to set up India Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) in Madurai, Tamil Nadu.

- (29) **SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL** laid a statement regarding expeditious CBI investigation in a murder case in Hanumangarh district, Rajasthan.
- (30) **SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN** laid a statement regarding need to review the order of ESIC regarding Super Speciality treatment.
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THE CONSTITUTION (ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SIXTH AMENDMENT) BILL, 2019

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE; MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND MINISTER OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

moving the Motion for consideration of the Bill, said: I rise before this august House to bring in a very important Constitution Amendment Bill for consideration. The founding fathers of our Constitution were very meritorious and experienced. They provided for fundamental rights, directive principles and social justice in the Constitution in order to make India a vibrant country. They termed the Constitution as a document of social justice. They put forward the constitutional interpretation of Scheduled Castes. Thereafter, they also put forward the constitutional interpretation of those community who belonged to Scheduled

Castes in every State. Their perception in this regard was quite clear that it is incumbent upon us to provide them reservation as compensation for different sorts of discriminations they suffered due to social evils prevalent in the Hindu society. Similarly, a separate list was prepared for the Scheduled Tribes who used to live in the forests. Initially, this provision for reservation was made for ten years which was extended time and again through constitutional amendments. This provision was extended till 70 years in 2009 which is about to cease to have effect on the 25th January, 2020. Our government believes that immense improvements have been brought about in the lives of the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Nevertheless, more improvements are required to be brought in their lives. This is why the provision for reservation may be extended for the next 10 years i.e. till 25th, January, 2030. This was the reason why I am here before you with this amendment Bill. It is imperative for me to tell the House that there are 543 seats in the Lok Sabha, out of which 84 seats are reserved for the Scheduled Castes. There are 4120 seats in all the legislative assemblies and out of which 614 seats are reserved for the Scheduled Castes. So far as the Scheduled Tribes are concerned 47 seats are reserved for them in Lok Sabha and 554 seats are reserved in various legislative assemblies. The issue of population generally comes up whenever there is a debate on reservation. Some of the States from southern and western part of India have expressed their objections on such provisions and said that they have properly implemented the measures for

population control effectively. And hence, if the seats are provided on the basis of population then the less number of seats will come in their share while the States who have not implemented properly the measures of population control will finally be rewarded with maximum number of seats. Therefore, we amended Article 81 of the Constitution in order to provide that the number of seats in the House will continue to exist on the basis of the census of 1971, till the census of 2026 is not conducted. So far as Anglo-Indians are concerned, their population is 296 only. I would like to tell our learned colleagues from the opposition parties that the Anglo-Indians have well been defined in the Article 366 of the Constitution. I simply want to say that today we have not brought in any provision for them but the matter in this regard is under consideration. I would also like to say to our colleagues from the opposition side that they were entitled to avail of the benefits of reservation in the matter of employment in the Postal and Railway departments and they were also getting grants for education for a period of ten years after independence. But this provision was scrapped. Who scrapped it? It is your government which scrapped it. Once again, I would humbly like to urge upon the entire House to see the significance of this Bill and pass it unanimously so that a message may go in the public domain that this House is committed to the welfare of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

SHRI HIBI EDEN *initiating said:* This Bill provides for further amendment of Article 334 of the Constitution, proposing to extend the reservation

for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Parliament and the State Legislature for another 10 years. The hon. Minister has just now mentioned that there are only 296 Anglo-Indians across the country. I want to say that he is misleading the House. However, I am the opinion that there are around 3,47,000 Anglo-Indians spread across the country. The Anglo-Indian community has historically contributed a lot to the growth of this country. They have contributed much in the field of education through hundreds of Anglo-Indian schools all around the country. In nursing supports, defence services and laying the railway lines and telegraphic lines, the Anglo-Indians made immense sacrifices and contributions. In these circumstances, the generous framers of our sacred Constitution, provided representation for them in the Parliament and in the State Legislatures by providing them Article 331 and 333. Through Article 334(b), the reserved seats in Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies were provided for stipulated terms for Anglo-Indians. Now, the present Government has brought the 126th Constitutional Amendment to extend only Article 334(a). The reasons mentioned by the hon. Minister for not extending Article 334(b) is that Anglo-Indians are well off, and they do not require reserved seats through nomination which is very strange. There is no elected Anglo-Indian representative in this House. So, the reservation has to exist considering the social fabric, the economic condition and the educational backwardness, I urge upon the government to continue the reservation. The Anglo-Indians face several problems including

unemployment financial and educational backwardness and cultural erosion. Most of them are staying in rented houses. Therefore, I urge upon the Government to appoint a Committee and study their social, economic, educational and unemployment status in this country and continue the reservation as in the case of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT: This new Bill will extend the reservation for the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe community by the next 10 years, that is till January, 2030. Despite 70 years of independence, we have not been able to provide an equal level playing field for the SCs and STs as that for the people belonging to the general category. In most of the tribal areas, we will see most of the children suffering from malnutrition, and girls and women suffering from anaemia. There is a high of maternal mortality, neonatal mortality. As far as education sector is concerned, in 2011, if we see the literacy rate, it was 73 per cent for the general population; it was 66 per cent for the SC and it was 50 per cent for the ST. From these numbers, it is very clear that till the SC and ST communities in terms of education are way behind the general population. I would like to thank the Government that Government has started carrying out special drives for filling the backlog vacancies. In this regard, I would like to request the government to bring in a strict legislation so that those candidates only belonging to SCs and STs category could apply for these jobs. There should be a strict penalty in fraud cases. There are many issues of the tribal areas. We need a representation at the State and

the Central level. This political reservation for the SCs and STs is important as these communities will find the place in the government as representatives of the SCs and the STs. Today, by bringing the one twenty sixth amendment to the Constitution has in a true sense given justice to the SC/ST communities of the country.

SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Hon. Minister has said that this Bill does not mention the Anglo-Indian Community, but it is there in the Statement of Objects and Reasons and also in the annexure. If it is not included in the main Bill, then I would like to know why he is not saying that the reservation for the Anglo-Indian Community will be extended. We all know that the Anglo-Indian community is shrinking. Just because they cannot elect a Member with a population of three lakh as they are spread out all over geographically, it is not fair to deny them this representation. When it comes to the issue of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe reservation, we completely support that. Many people proudly said here that in Parliament we have 15 per cent Scheduled Caste Members and 8.6 per cent Scheduled Tribe Members. But this reservation has been based on the 2001 Census. I think it is high time that we should increased it. Even the Central Government does not want to fill the posts which have to be rightfully filled by SCs and STs. When we talk about empowering the SCs and STs, I think education plays a vital role in that. This Government has done away with scholarship benefits to SC and ST students who get into colleges through the management

quota. The Central Government is yet to release grants pertaining to ground Rs. 384 crore to the SC students of Tamil Nadu. Similarly, SCs and STs have less representation in the faculties of major institutes of our country. I think we have to work on helping them in an inclusive and wholesome way. Just bringing in reservation and continuing it will not going to help. You have to empower them in all possible ways and treat them with dignity and respect.

PROF. SOUGATA RAY: I fully support the extension of reservation in Parliament and Assemblies to the members of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. They must have their proper representation in all the Legislative bodies. However, I totally object to the Government's efforts to obliterate the representation of one community. The hon. Minister has taken recourse to false reports saying that there are only 296 Anglo Indians in this country. There are several lakhs of Anglo Indians in the country and they are spread all over the country. The greatest contribution of the Anglo-Indians is in the field of education. There are hundreds of Anglo-Indians schools under the ICSE Board spread across the country. There are several lakhs of Anglo-Indians in the country who are proud citizens of this great nation. At the time of the adoption of the Constitution, they adopted India as their homeland. Do not obliterate these proud people. Let the BJP change their worldview and take India as a Bharat Teertha, as a pilgrimage place in India.

KUMARI GODDETI MADHAVI: The SCs and STs have faced historic oppression and their voices have been suppressed for far too long. The special provisions need to be put in place to ensure that their place and representation is secured in the temple of democracy. I would like to bring to your kind notice the deplorable conditions of tribal population in India. I am proud to be a part of the ST community, and my very presence here in this august House is due to the reservation policy introduced by the founding fathers of our Constitution. In spite of the various schemes under different Ministries, their conditions have not improved adequately. For the construction of rural roads, there is a point system which is followed, based on the number of habitations that the road connects. I also request the Government to exclude the point system, especially for reserved constituencies and construct roads that connect all habitations. I would like to extend the support of my party for this legislation.

SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE: This is a historical Bill and it will benefit the people belonging to the SCs and the STs in their development. Today, the population of SCs and STs is increasing. Today, the Government is also making efforts to improve the connectivity by constructing roads under the PMGSY and State Highways. The funds being provided for this purpose are not adequate. I, therefore, request to look into this matter. There is also need to reserve the seats in assemblies in proportion to their population. I, therefore, request the Hon. Minister to kindly ensure that the advertisements for filling up various posts

should be published in the local newspapers also so that the children belonging to SCs and STs get job. The authorised figure of the Anglo Indian population is 296 only. During the last assembly of Maharashtra, we could not find two Members of Anglo Indian community. These seats remained vacant. We need to ponder over whether these unfilled seats could be given to other people. This is my precise request.

SHRI SUNIL KUMAR PINTU: Our party supports this Bill. There has been a provision for reservation in the country for last 70 years. The people belonging to SC and ST communities have been given reservation in Parliament and Assemblies so that they could express their views over there. After 72 years of our Independence, these communities are still subjected to untouchability and are also made to feel low. There is a need for stringent law to check such things. The seats reserved for SCs and STs are vacant and should be filled up at the earliest so that they could do justice with their people. The way, the people have voluntarily given up subsidy on LPG connections on the behest of our Prime Minister, those people belonging to SCs and STs who have acquired a certain level in the society and do not need reservation should give it up so that the people of their communities could get more jobs opportunities. I again support this Bill.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB: It was contemplated during the Constituent Assembly debate that adequate reservation should be provided to those people who have been deprived of opportunity, because of various reasons, for

thousands of years. While going through the Bill, one can understand that this extension for reservation is going to be done for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. But when you are not extending the reservation for Anglo-Indians, should it be understood that reservation or nomination of Anglo-Indians is not getting extended? Being a member of the previous Delimitation Committee, I came to understand that the population of tribals is shrinking in Scheduled Areas because a large number of people from other parts of the State and educated mass of people are being employed in those townships, steel plants and other industries. They are outnumbering the Scheduled Tribes of those areas. The Government should consider that how to protect the indigenous character of our people. When we are deliberating and extending the period of reservation, it is also necessary to find out that their numbers should not shrink. It is necessary that more attempts should be made to provide them with adequate educational facilities.

SHRI GIRISH CHANDRA: The Central Government has taken a decision to provide reservation for a further period of 10 years to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies. We wholeheartedly welcome this decision. I would also like to demand from the hon. Minister to launch a special drive to fill the backlog of vacant posts for these reserved categories within a stipulated time period. Further, the SC/ST people should also be given reservation in the private sector. If a woman belonging to the SC/ST community or even General category is raped, the Government should ensure that

she is given a job in the Government sector. The same rule should also be applied when a male is subjected to any type of torture.

SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO: We support this Bill wholeheartedly. I would like to remind the hon. Minister that a Resolution was passed in the Telangana State Assembly for categorization of the Scheduled Castes and this Resolution was sent to the Central Government in the year 2014. I would request the Center Government to take policy decision with regard to that Resolution. Further, another Resolution to provide reservation to the other backward classes and the minorities was also sent to the Central Government.

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE: We support this Bill wholeheartedly. But there is only small issue I would like to bring to the notice of this House. I do have concerns on this because the reservation is by rotation. There are a lot of good leaders who come through reservation, but once the reservation goes away, they are lost in the crowd. So, is there something more we can do for such people? Further, the Bill does not talk about the Anglo-Indians. I would like to ask the hon. Minister whether he had consulted the States and also the stake holders before taking decision on this issue. I wholeheartedly support this legislation and looking forward to put our minds together to see how we can empower the SCs and STs in reservation and representation.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH: I support this Bill because of the extension of reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Parliament

and State Legislative Assemblies for another ten years. Even when the nation gained Independence from the British, the discrimination against the oppressed classes continued unabated despite plethora of laws being in force. Over the last decade, the crime rate against dalits rose by 25 per cent. Similarly, cases pending investigation for SCs and STs have also risen by 99 per cent and 55 per cent respectively while the pendency in courts has risen by 50 per cent and 28 per cent respectively. Conviction rates for crimes against SCs and STs have fallen by two percentage points and seven percentage points respectively. The total strength of the SCs and STs in group A services has barely touched five per cent mark. The Government is going to privatise all the public sector undertakings. By doing so, the SCs and STs would be the loser as there is no reservation in private sector. The living conditions of SCs and STs are very bad in the country. So, we have to improve the conditions of people belonging to these castes.

DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI: I rise to support this Bill and hope the entire House will support it. By this Bill, the reservation available to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the Parliament and the Legislative Assemblies is being extended for another 10 years. For this, I thank the Government on behalf of the entire Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe community. There is a false propaganda against this Government that this Government is against the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and want to change the constitution. I want to inform the House that this Government is

dedicated to the welfare of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Our Government provided teeth to the Prevention of Atrocities against SCs and STs Act and paved the way for reservation in promotion for the SCs and STs. Our Government brought the ordinance to ensure continuation of 200 point roster in UGC. It is our Government which constructed a memorial of Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar at 15, Janpath in Delhi in his honour.

SHRI P.R. NATARAJAN: Although, I am supporting the first portion of the Bill that is extending the period of reservation for 10 years for the SC and ST communities but oppose the move to end the representation of the Anglo-Indian community in the Parliament. It is a kind of vendetta. There are still some Anglo-Indian families living below the poverty line. I strongly register my request to the Government to extend the reservation for another 10 years to the Anglo-Indian community also.

***SHRI M. SELVARAJ:**

SHRIMATI ANUPRIYA PATEL: I rise to support this Bill. Initially this provision was made for a period of ten years but unfortunately, even after seven decades of independence, the social, political and economic state of the people belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has not improved to the desirable level. In spite of several special recruitment drives, the backlog of SC/ST vacancies in Government jobs has not been cleared. There has been an increase of

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66 per cent in crime against the SC/ST people during the 10 years from 2007 to 2017. Caste based discrimination is seen even in the premier educational institutes in the country. We cannot even imagine that any SC/ST person will ever become the Vice Chancellor of any university. The students from these communities are very promising still they face discrimination. In such circumstances, it is imperative to provide political protection to them. Hence, this Bill is very important. I would urge the hon. Minister to consider the continuance of representation of Anglo-Indian community.

DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR: This Bill is very important because the people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are deprived of basic amenities even today. Hence, I support this Bill. This is a proud thing that even the women from SC/ST communities are being elected to the Lok Sabha and legislative assemblies. This reservation is necessary for the progress of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities.

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: I fully support the extension of reservation to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for a further period of ten years. Even ten years is not sufficient as far as the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe people are concerned. So, definitely I support the Government in bringing such a legislation. At the same time, I oppose the second part of the Bill. That is, taking away the reservation meant for the Anglo-Indians in the House of People as well as in the Legislative Assemblies. Four articles are involved in this legislation.

So, this is having impact on four articles of the Constitution. As far as legal drafting is concerned, it should be legible, specific and unambiguous. This is ambiguous, confusing and non-legible. The Government's stand is that Anglo-Indian community is doing well and hence does not require reservation in the legislatures. This is against the facts reported in various studies and Reports of the Government.

SHRI P. RAVEENDRANATH KUMAR: I welcome this Constitution (126th Amendment) Bill, 2019. Now it has been proved that this NDA Government is not against the reservation policy and is always working for the poor and downtrodden people. I would like to urge the Government to ensure the effective implementation of reservation quota in higher education, employment and faculties in the institutions of higher studies. In particular, faculty positions for reserved candidates in higher institutions like IIT, IIMs have not been filled adequately. With that hope, I support the Bill.

DR. SANGHAMITRA MAURYA: Undoubtedly, this Bill is a boon for the people of SC/ST community living in miserable conditions. This tradition is prevalent since Independence but this is very important today in present political scenario. I belong to Uttar Pradesh. I am very much aware about the conditions of Dalits, backwards and deprived sections of my State. In view of their education, economic conditions, participation in jobs, they really need reservation. I support this Bill.

DR. D. RAVIKUMAR: Reservation to SC/ST people is linked to the census figures. Reservation was to be given on the basis of the 2011 Census. However, the Government had decided that delimitation will be done in the year 2025. So, based on that decision of the Government, SC/ST people are denied their due share of about 16 seats in Lok Sabha for 20 years. This is a grave injustice. I, therefore, request the hon. Minister to conduct delimitation after every ten years. There is no reservation for SC/STs now in Rajya Sabha and in the upper Houses of State legislatures. So, I request the Government to extend the reservation to upper Houses also. Reservation method we are now following is not the one proposed by Dr. Ambedkar. I request the hon. Minister to reintroduce the Dual Member Constituency system.

***SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:**

SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU: This Bill is a very important Bill. For thousands of years, the suppressed, the downtrodden, and the impoverished have been given the rights of equal opportunity. For the last 70 years, there has been reservation in areas like, education, employment, and also in the political sphere. But some problems are still prevailing and which we are able to see in the society. One of the important spheres is to provide proper jobs, provide good education and proper health care to the SC and ST communities. So, definitely, the Central Government has to think about how to provide jobs. Equal

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opportunity comes with equal opportunities in jobs, equal opportunities in healthcare and education. On behalf of TDP, we would like to request that the reservation towards the Anglo-Indian should also be extended.

SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA: I feel proud today to stand here from Amalapuram Constituency of Andhra Pradesh, which is a reserved constituency where we can still see people who are socially and economically backward in all walks of life. I am here today in this temple of democracy with the grace of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The reservation for SCs and STs is often linked with economic reservations. The backwardness is still continuing with reference to the age-old practices. The reservation should continue until the social inequality is totally removed from the society. I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister to the backlog posts pending throughout the country for many years. I appreciate the Government for extending the reservation for the next 10 years.

SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI: We all know the history of exploitation and struggle of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. In terms of education, economic development, we have moved up but when it comes to elimination of caste-based discrimination, a lot of efforts are required to make it a reality. It is in the interest of society to improve the political participation of historically disadvantaged minority groups. This is not only necessary politically but also for economic development. Our State Government is consistently working to build an inclusive society. Recently, our State Government has

launched Mission Suvidya that will ensure amenities for scheduled category students. Since the Bill is not only in the larger interest of the SC and ST communities but also in the national interest, I on behalf of my party, support this Bill.

SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA: I support the Constitution (One Hundred And Twenty-Sixth Amendment) Bill, 2019. I want that this community should join the mainstream and get all the benefits of constitutional rights. For a long time they have been seen as a vote bank for politics. SCs, STs neither own big factories nor do they have any resources to do business. They do petty jobs to earn their livelihood. A false propaganda is being spread about creamy layer to mislead some of the States and to separate and divide some of the castes. I would like to request all the parties that SCs and STs should not be seen as a mere vote bank and they should be provided fullest protection by them.

SHRIMATI SANGEETA AZAD: The Government is taking a meaningful step through this Bill to maintain proper representation of the SC, ST representatives politically. The benefit of this reservation can be provided to SCs, STs and backwards only when vacancies at the Central Government and State Government level are filled and backlogs are cleared within a fixed time frame by launching a special campaign. If reservation is also implemented in private companies and private educational institutes then our people can live a better life.

Reservation in promotion has been stopped. The Government should reinstate it which will provide justice to them and they will be brought within the mainstream.

SHRI BENNY BEHANAN: This Bill has got two parts. One part is specifically for the extension of the SC/ST reservation and second part is about the Anglo-Indian. I support the first part unconditionally but I have serious reservation about the other part regarding Anglo-Indian. If the Government fails to take care of the interests of the microscopic Anglo-Indian community, then how will the Government protect the interests of the 20-crore strong other minority communities? I would like to invite the hon. Minister to my parliamentary constituency and we can show that the census figure with regard to Anglo-Indian community is wrong. Their population is two lakh in this country.

***SHRI RAMULU POTHUGANTI:**

SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY: This Bill has two parts. We agree to extend the SC/ST reservation for 10 years. But, as far as the Anglo-Indian community is concerned, we oppose it because the vote will be cast on a single legislation, then how we will vote? That is why explanation should be given on it categorically. That is our issue.

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Secretary General

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