

## **OBC Creamy Layer Issue: 120 selected officers in UPSC Civil Services 2015 May Disqualify**

The ongoing OBC creamy layer issue is gaining turbulence! Out of the total number of qualifiers 120 IAS candidates (UPSC CSE 2015) are going to face the wrath of the DoPT decision and are on the verge of getting disqualified. DoPT has skimmed off the creamy layer of OBC quota! This has stirred enough disturbances among many government job aspirants. With this decision of government, UPSC qualifiers of CSE 2015 have been affected the most.

The OBC creamy layer quota removal has put the UPSC Civil service exam 2015 qualifiers in a fix. Following the decision of DoPT, the Commission has rejected the OBC benefit claiming certificates of many candidates. Out of the total 1078 qualified candidates only 902 candidates have received the service allocation. The DoPT decision has affected the candidature of 120 candidates.

Department of Personnel Training (DoPT) has come out with the decision of removing the 'quota' benefits for the creamy layer of the other Backward Classes (OBC). The non creamy layer benefits will be available to those candidates who fulfill the income criterion.

The 'reclassification' of the OBC status has deceived the dream-come-true-effort of many candidates. Many UPSC qualifiers have been shocked with the clarification that their community status has been changed to 'general' category with the new move of the DoPT. Though no official communication has been made with the candidates, but candidates have been intimated over phone that their candidature has been placed in the 'general' category on the basis of the government job and annual income of the parents (more than 06 lakhs per annum).

Citing it to be the 'unjustified' action of DoPT, the affected OBC candidates have decided to go on a strike and fight against the decision in court. The OBC quota was implemented in the year 1993 by the UPA government. The 'creamy layer' was then introduced to demarcate the affluent OBCs from the poor ones.

Stirring more disturbances in the situation, the government is planning to raise the annual income of the OBC creamy layer to Rs 8.5 lakh per annum thus adding more fuel to the agitation of Jats, Patidars and other castes who want to be listed as OBC.