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Jats irked over Haryana's 'creamy layer' notification

The Haryana government's notification excluding the 'creamy layer' from Backward Classes for extending reservation in jobs and educational institutions has not gone down well with the Jat leaders. They are of the view that the notification has created two categories among those below Rs 6 lakh annual income.

The notification issued Wednesday reads, "The children of persons having gross annual income of up to three lakh rupees shall first of all get the benefit of reservation in services and admission in educational institutions. The left out quota shall go to that class of Backward Classes of citizens who earn more than three lakh rupees but up to six lakh rupees per annum." However, persons belonging to Backward Class category earning above Rs six lakh per annum shall be considered as creamy layer.

All India Jat Aarakshan Sangharsh Samiti president, Yashpal Malik, questioned, "Why can't they (the government) simply adopt the central government's notification on creamy layer without creating categories within Backward Classes?"

He added, "Chief Minister ML Khattar is being misguided by his advisers and the state government is not able to take a judicious decision since there are immature politicians at the helm of affairs. They are brainless."

We will start an agitation as the state government is now experimenting with the sentiments of Jats, said Malik.

Akhil Bhartiya Aarakshan Sangharsh Samiti state president Hawa Singh Sangwan, too, said the state government should have adopted the central government's notification issued in 2013 wherein the Centre had raised the income limit from Rs 4.5 lakh to Rs. 6 lakh per annum for determining the creamy layer amongst the Other Backward Classes without creating any categories. "The state government's intentions are not justified. Jats would not succumb to such decisions and would do anything to get reservation," said Sangwan.

Captain Maan Singh Dalal (retd.), spokesperson of the Dalal Khap 84, blamed State Finance Minister Captain Abhimanyu for not taking a stand for the Jats.

“Abhimanyu didn’t pursue our reservation case strongly. If not as a Jat, he could have done it as a cabinet minister. He should not think that every Jat is rich like him,” said Dalal.

He said the ‘creamy layer’ notification should have been issued while passing the Haryana Backward Classes (Reservation in Service and admission in Educational Institution) Act, 2016, and it had been delayed intentionally.

He also blamed Prime Minister Narendra Modi of not speaking even a single word on the loss suffered by Haryana during the February reservation violence.