

#### **Splitting of OBC quota**

1981. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to split 27 per cent OBC quota among different backward caste groups; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) At present there is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Awareness about schemes for SC/OBCs**

1982. PROF. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is general ignorance and lack of awareness among the citizens about the educational empowerment and scholarship schemes formulated for them by Government;

(b) whether the people in the interior villages of many States are not aware of the Babu Jagjivan Chhatravas Yojana for SC/OBC boys and girls, Top Class Education Scheme, National Overseas Scholarship Scheme etc.; and

(c) if so, measures taken to give wide publicity to all these schemes so that the benefits of these schemes could accrue to those sections of society for whom these are meant for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI D. NAPOLEON): (a) to (c) Various steps are taken by the Ministry to disseminate information about its Schemes to its target groups. It includes:

(i) Advertisements in the newspapers for:

(a) spreading information about various schemes of the Ministry;

(b) inviting applications from the eligible students under the Scheme of "National Overseas Scholarship for SC etc. candidates";

(c) inviting applications from the implementing agencies under the Scheme of "Free Coaching for SC and OBC students";