

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Backward Classes Welfare Department – Reservation of 42% of seats and positions in Local Bodies for Backward Classes of Telangana State - Orders - Issued.

BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE (B) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.09

Dated:26-09-2025.
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.49, BC Welfare (B) Department, Dated:04.11.2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.18, Planning (V) Department, Dated:10.10.2024.
3. G.O.Ms.No.01 BC Welfare (B) Department, Dated:27.02.2025.

ORDER:

The State of Telangana, which came into existence on 2nd June, 2014, was the outcome of a prolonged and determined struggle of people of Telangana to achieve the aspirations of its people. One of the cherished goals of the movement was the need for inclusive growth and equitable development, particularly of the marginalized communities.

2. In accordance with the Constitutional mandate of equality and social justice, the State of Telangana recognizes the significant Backward Classes (BCs) population and is committed to promoting their welfare, inclusion and equitable development.
3. Whereas Article 40 of the Constitution which enshrines one of the Directive Principles of State Policy lays down that the State shall take steps to organise village panchayats and endow them with such powers and authority as may be necessary to enable them to function as units of self-government.
4. Whereas Article 243 D (6) of the Constitution empowers the State to make any provision for reservation of seats in any Panchayat or offices of Chairpersons in the Panchayats at any level or in favour of Backward Classes of citizens.
5. Whereas Article 243 T (6) of the Constitution empowers the State to make any provision for reservation of seats in any Municipality or offices of Chairpersons in the Municipalities in favour of Backward Class of citizens.
6. In the G.O. 1st read above, Government have set up Dedicated Commission under the Chairmanship of Sri. Busani Venkateshwara Rao, IAS (Retd), in November 2024 to conduct a contemporaneous rigorous empirical enquiry into the nature and implications of the backwardness qua local bodies in order to specify the proportion of reservations to be provisioned.
7. In February, 2024, the Government have decided to undertake a Socio-Economic, Educational, Employment, Political, and Caste (SEEEPC) Survey, which was subsequently approved by both Houses of the State Legislature. Pursuant thereto, the Government issued orders vide G.O.Ms.No.18, dated:10.10.2024 to conduct the (SEEEPC) Survey. The Survey was conducted in the State and it has thrown light on the relative economic, social, educational, employment and political status of different castes in the state.
8. In the G.O. 3rd read above, Government appointed Sri. Busani Venkateshwara Rao, IAS (Retd) as One Man Commission for studying and analysing the empirical data of the SEEEPC Survey and other relevant data for recommending percentage of reservations for Backward Classes in local bodies. The One Man Commission submitted its report in March 2025, observing that Backward Classes continue to remain relatively lagging compared to their population of 56.33% in the State and recommended at least 42% reservation in political representations, particularly in local bodies.

9. After careful consideration of the Commission's recommendations and in view of the BC population and their inadequate Political representation, the Government concluded that it was necessary to revise the existing level of reservation in local bodies to 42% for their welfare and advancement. The Government have accepted recommendation for reservation to Backward Classes at least 42% in Rural and Urban Local Bodies in the State. Accordingly, "The Telangana Backward Classes (Reservations of seats in Rural and Urban Local Bodies) Bill, 2025 (L.A.Bill.No.04 of 2025)" was passed in both the Houses unanimously by all the political parties.

10. Government having considered enhancement of reservations of Backward Classes in local bodies, vide G.O.Ms.No.7, Dt:11.07.2025 have given additional Terms of Reference for Dedicated Commission, to indicate local body wise seats and positions for backward classes at 42%, as mentioned in "The Telangana Backward Classes (Reservations of seats in Rural and Urban Local Bodies) Bill, 2025 (L.A. Bill. No.04 of 2025). The Dedicated Commission has submitted its report on 28.08.2025 by indicating the seats and positions in Rural Local Bodies for Backward Classes at 42% and the same was considered by the Government.

11. Government after careful examination and considering the exceptional situation in Telangana marked by the multi-dimensional backwardness of Backward Classes in terms of social and political indicators, and in exercise of the powers conferred under the Constitution and based on empirical evidence, legislative sanction, and judicial recognition, and in view of the urgent necessity to ensure the welfare, empowerment, and full participation of Backward Classes, and to uphold the Constitutional vision of equality, social justice, and inclusive growth, hereby order to provide 42% reservation of the seats and positions in Local Bodies to Backward Classes in the State of Telangana.

12. The Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department and Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Telangana Secretariat, shall take necessary action in this regard.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

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