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Dear Anand Singh Jee

The champions of Social Justice and the socially and educationally backward classes were very happy when the UPA Government, headed by Dr. Manmohan Singh and guided by Thirumathi Sonia Gandhi, in its historic and landmark legislation, provided 27 per cent Reservation for Other Backward Classes in the Central Educational Institutions. Now their happiness is doubled because of the fact that the Legislation has been upheld by a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court of India. This is really a joyous occasion for the Backward Classes living in this great country and they are immensely grateful to the UPA Government.

This legislation is the second major step taken by the UPA Government towards attaining social justice, after the first step taken by the UF Government headed by Thiru V.P. Singh, 18 years ago, providing 27 per cent reservation to the OBCs in the Central Government Services. Though we have a long way to go to fully accomplish the principles of Reservation for the uplift of backward classes, who have been denied of their rightful opportunities for centuries, no one can dispute that this is a memorable achievement, which will have a prime place in the evolution of social justice in India.

I am happy that you are already seized of the Creamy Layer issue. I am very confident that you will solve this also quite successfully.

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I wish to recall that Tamil Nadu is the only State, which had been impressing upon the Centre time and again the urgent need for Reservation for OBCs in the central educational institutions and in fact, appealed to the Centre, through an unanimously passed resolution in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, to bring in an Ordinance to provide 27 per cent Reservation for the OBCs in the Central Educational Institutions. I am extremely happy that the dream of Tamil Nadu has at last materialised.

I am very much thankful to you for all your exemplary efforts and constructive action to fulfil a significant social responsibility towards the welfare and advancement of the backward classes all over the country.

Thanking you,

Kind Regards

Yours sincerely,

M. Karunanidhi

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To
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