

SYSTEMATIC ENUMERATION OF "CASTE"  
IN CENSUS 2011  
- AN OPINION

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The report of the Mandal Commission is a silver lining piercing the dark clouds of social milieu of backward classes of people of this country giving a ray of hope to them who suffered tyranny of oppression in all walks of their life for centuries.

2. The President of India, pursuant to the resolution of the Parliament, appointed the Second Backward Classes Commission on January 1, 1979 under the Chairmanship of Thiru B.P.Mandal to investigate the conditions of socially and educationally Backward Classes of citizens, for short "SEBCs", within the territory of India.

3. The Commission commenced its functioning on March 21, 1979 and completed its work on December 12, 1980. The Commission made an extensive tour throughout the length and breadth of the country in order to collect the necessary and requisite data for its final report.

4. The Commission appears to have identified as many as 3743 castes as SEBCs and made its recommendations under Chapter 13 of Vol.I of its report.