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CHIEF MINISTER



SECRETARIAT
CHENNAI - 600 009

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On the implementation of 27 per cent Reservation for OBCs in the Central Educational Institutions, the Supreme Court today has rejected the Centre's plea to vacate the stay.

In my letter dated 2-4-2007, I had enumerated various courses of action after my discussions with legal experts and senior counsels. We have already taken a stand that the reservation policy of reserving 27 per cent seats for OBCs in Institutions of Higher Education run by the Central Government can be implemented since the Supreme Court had only expressed its desire to keep on hold the aforesaid reservation and had not passed a categorical order staying the reservation for OBCs.

But in view of the situation that the Supreme Court has rejected to vacate the Stay the only course open to us is to convene the two houses of Parliament immediately to discuss and take appropriate and timely decisions so that there is no reversal to the OBCs in the matter of reservation in the central educational institutions. In fact such a resolution was passed unanimously by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 30-3-2007 urging the Central Government to take action for convening the two houses of Parliament.

You are aware that a total Bandh was observed in Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry and Andhra Pradesh in the wake of the Supreme Court's Order dated 29-3-2007. The people of Tamil Nadu cutting across the party lines are very much agitated over the recent developments in regard to Reservations for OBCs in the Central Educational Institutions.

At this critical juncture, we are duty-bound to extend a helping hand to the OBCs in order to lift them from a trying situation and they should not be let down.

Therefore I kindly request you to take urgent action to protect the Reservation of 27 per cent for the OBCs in the Central Educational Institutions extended to them by the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2006.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
(M. Karunanidhi)

To

1. Hon'ble Dr. Man Mohan Singh ji,
Prime Minister of India, New Delhi.
2. Thirumathi Sonia Gandhi ji,
Chairperson of UPA, New Delhi.
3. Hon'ble Thiru Arjun Singh ji,
Union Minister of Human Resource and Development,
New Delhi.
4. Hon'ble Thiru Bhardwaj ji,
Union Minister of Law and Justice, New Delhi.