

PMK chief demands quota on population basis

Lucknow, Jun 27: Demanding quota on the basis of population, founder president of PMK S Ramadoss today said protests against proposed move to give 27 per cent reservation to OBCs in institutions of higher learning was "politically motivated".

"We have identified those who inspired the anit-quota stir and we will expose them soon. Why should there be a hue and cry over giving reservation to OBCs, who constitute 60 per cent of the population," he said.

Ramadoss claimed that only 10 per cent of country's population were from upper castes.

"If reservation is provided on the basis of population only 10 per cent **seats** will go to the upper castes," he said and suggested to increase the OBC quota further in future.

The PMK leader said he had met many leaders including JD(U) president Sharad Yadav, RJD chief Lalu Prasad, LJP supremo Ram Vilas Paswan and former Prime Minister V P Singh to press the demands including reservation for backward classes in judiciary and media.

PMK will be holding a national seminar on social justice to OBCs in New Delhi on July 2. It will be inaugurated by former Prime Minister V P Singh and leaders of other parties would also attend it, he said.

About the controversial bill to provide 27 per cent reservation to OBCs in higher education, he said it would be passed in the coming monsoon session of the Parliament.

"I have also written to all Chief Ministers to pass a resolution in their respective state Assemblies in support of the bill," he added.

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