

Ramadoss' plea on quota

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PATNA: Founder-president of the Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) S. Ramadoss on Monday demanded that the Union Government promulgate an ordinance to bring into force the proposed 27 per cent reservation for OBCs in higher educational institutions.

Dr. Ramadoss, who is here to garner support on the issue, told reporters that he had spoken to various leaders and intended conducting a seminar on July 2, which would be inaugurated by the former Prime Minister, V. P. Singh.

He said that he had spoken to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Congress president Sonia Gandhi, besides writing to all Chief Ministers, urging them to pass resolutions in their legislatures favouring the quota move.

He urged Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar to extend support to the Centre on the issue.

Stressing that the 93rd Amendment to the Constitution paved the way for the betterment of OBCs, Dr. Ramadoss said justice demanded that 60 per cent of the population got its due at least now.

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Ramadoss asks govt to immediately implement 27% OBC quota

Patna: The Centre should immediately implement 27 per cent reservation for OBCs in higher educational institutions through an ordinance and all political parties should support the move, Paattali Makkal Katchi (PMK) founder president Dr S Ramadoss today said.

Ramadoss, on a mission to unite the forces of social justice in favour of the move, told reporters that he had already met Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, Congress president Sonia Gandhi and Union [Human Resources Development](#) Minister Arjun Singh and impressed upon them the need for giving effect to 27 per cent reservation to OBC students in higher educational institutions.

Ramadoss said he also had [meetings](#) with JD(U) president Sharad Yadav, RJD chief Lalu Prasad, LJP supremo Ram Vilas Paswan and spoke to Bihar and Uttar Pradesh chief ministers Nitish Kumar and Mulayam Singh Yadav, respectively, besides former prime minister V P Singh and sought their cooperation.

"I am happy to report that the UPA-Left parties supported my views and the government will be implementing the policy of 27 per cent reservation from the next academic session and an enabling legislation would be brought in the ensuing monsoon session of Parliament," he said.

"With a view to mobilise support for reservation, I visited Mumbai, Hyderabad, Banaglore and several other parts," he said.

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