

Reservation to be implemented in 'one go': Arjun

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In contrast to Union Science and Technology Minister Kapil Sibal's remark that the 27 per cent quota for Other Backward Classes will be implemented in phases from the next academic session, Union Human Resource Development Minister Arjun Singh has said it will be done in 'one go.'

"The 27 per cent reservation for OBCs will be implemented in one go from 2007," he said in an interview to television news channel *Awaaz*.

The minister said the quota will be applied to existing number of seats in all centrally aided educational institutes.

There is no relation between reservation and increasing number of seats, he said, adding that the HRD Ministry will send its final proposal on reservation to the Union Cabinet in the next ten days.

A bill in this regard will be introduced during the Monsoon session of Parliament, the minister said, adding that he expected the bill to be passed by August 31.

Singh said no compensation would be given to private colleges against reservation but state governments were advised to impose reservation in private institutes.

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