

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.334
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2025**

CASTE CERTIFICATE

†334. SHRI RAKESH RATHOR:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the caste identify of Pal, Baghel and Dhangar communities belonging to Sitapur and other districts of Uttar Pradesh, who are mainly engaged in animal husbandry and agriculture, vary district-wise leading to their variation in terms of the issuance of OBC and Scheduled Caste Certificate;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to issue Scheduled Caste certificate to Pal, Baghel and Dhangar communities uniformly across Uttar Pradesh; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE)**

(a) to (c): Pal, Baghel and Dhangar (धनगर) communities are not in the Central List of Other Backward Classes and in the Presidential Order of Scheduled Castes notified for the State of Uttar Pradesh. While, Dhangar (धंगढ़) is notified as a Scheduled Caste throughout the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Scheduled Caste certificates are issued only to members of a community included in the Presidential Order specifying the Scheduled Castes in relation to the concerned State.
