

Enhance tax exemption slab for SCs, says NSCA

The National Scheduled Castes Alliance (NSCA) on Sunday urged the Centre to immediately enhance the Income-Tax exemption slabs for Scheduled Castes (SC) in the country — from the present Rs. 2.5 lakh per annum to Rs. 6 lakh per annum — keeping in view their plight.

‘Rising prices’

“Prices of all essential commodities have risen sharply and hence the tax slab must be connected to the price index, so that [persons belonging to the] Scheduled Castes get relief. The ever-increasing prices are pushing the Scheduled Castes towards the poverty line,” NSCA president Paramjit Singh Kainth said, quoting a letter addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Mr. Kainth urged the Centre to be more considerate and compassionate towards the Scheduled Caste community.

“The NITI Aayog seems to be least concerned about the issues of SCs. Their recent cuts in the budget for SCs reflects the amount of importance the NITI Aayog accords to the development and growth of SCs,” he alleged.

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