

Rajasthan cannot raise OBC quota, orders HC

The Rajasthan High Court on Thursday restrained the BJP government from implementing the provisions of a Bill passed in the State Assembly last month, by which it increased reservation for the Other Backward Classes (OBC) from 21% to 26%.

This is a setback to the government's effort to give quota benefits to Gujjars.

The Bill, passed on October 26, created the "most backward" category within the OBCs for providing reservation to Gujjars and four other nomadic communities in government employment and educational institutions.

With its passage, reservation in Rajasthan stood at 54%, exceeding the 50% ceiling mandated by the Supreme Court.

A Division Bench at the High Court's Jaipur Bench said the State government should obtain permission from the Supreme Court before going ahead with the new arrangement.

"Instead of bringing piecemeal legislation, why doesn't the government get the Constitution amended," observed the Bench, comprising Justices K.S. Jhaveri and V.K. Vyas.

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