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MP Govt Implements 27% OBC Reservation

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Why in News

On September 2, 2021, the **General Administration Department of Madhya Pradesh** issued orders to **implement 27 percent reservation for Other Backward Classes**.

Key Points

- By the **Madhya Pradesh Public Service (Reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes) Amendment Act, 2019**, the reservation percentage for the Other Backward Classes in the process of direct recruitment in public services and posts has been increased from **14 to 27 percent**, which is effective from 8 March, 2019.
- Petitions have been filed in the **High Court, Jabalpur** challenging the increase in the reservation percentage of Other Backward Classes from **14 to 27 percent as provided in the said Order Amendment Act, 2019**.
- It is noteworthy that the **total population of Other Backward Classes of Madhya Pradesh** is more than **51 percent**.
- Legal opinion has been given by the **Advocate General on August 25, 2021** in the prevailing cases regarding the said **reservation of backward classes in the High Court, Jabalpur**. He has given a clear opinion to take action in accordance with the provisions of **27 percent reservation for backward classes in all the examinations/recruitments** except the cases mentioned in **clause-5 of this legal opinion, MPPSC, medical education and recruitment of teachers**.
- Along with this, the state government has **appointed Gaurishankar Bisen as the chairman of the Madhya Pradesh Backward Classes Welfare Commission**.
- Significantly, on August 15, 2021, **Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** had announced the **formation of Backward Classes Welfare Commission**.