



Chhattisgarh Scheduled Caste Advisory Council

Why in News?

- On September 6, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has decided to constitute a Scheduled Caste Advisory Council for prompt action in the interest of scheduled castes and recommendations in policy matters related to them.

Key Points

- The objective of the formation of this council is to bring about a rapid positive change in the betterment of scheduled castes and their standard of living in Chhattisgarh and to make them educationally, socially and economically competent.
- With the formation of this council, better monitoring will be done along with getting meaningful consultations for the implementation of schemes and programs run in the interest of scheduled castes in the state.
- Based on the recommendation of the council, the government-administration will be able to take necessary reform decisions for the betterment of the Scheduled Castes.
- In the council, the elected representative members of this class will participate in resolving the situation and problems of the society. This will facilitate the implementation of welfare programmes for the Scheduled Caste category.
- It is noteworthy that Chhattisgarh Scheduled Tribe Advisory Council has already been constituted for recommendation on the subject related to scheduled tribes in Chhattisgarh State. On the same lines, a Scheduled Caste Advisory Council will be formed in Chhattisgarh.
- The problems and needs of a particular class will be considered in this council. At the same time, decisions related to the welfare of Scheduled Castes will be taken.
- The Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh will be its chairman and the minister in charge will be the vice-chairman. There will be a total of 20 members in the council, out of which there will be at least 5 elected members of the Scheduled Castes in the State Legislative Assembly and the remaining members will be nominated by the State Government. In-charge Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Tribal and Scheduled Caste Development Department will act as the secretary of this council.

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