



Standing Committee on SC, ST and OBC Reservation

Why in News

- Recently, the **Chhattisgarh government** has constituted a standing reservation committee for the scheduled castes, scheduled tribes and other backward classes of the state.

Key Points

- This committee has been constituted under the provisions of the **Chhattisgarh Public Service (Reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes) Act, 1994**.
- The **eight-member standing committee**, constituted under the **chairmanship of the state's Tribal Development Minister Dr. Preme Sai Singh Tekam**, includes five MLAs and Secretary General Administration Department and Tribal Development Department.
- The main function of the committee is to review the implementation of the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder.
- Apart from this, this committee will also suggest measures to remove the difficulties in the implementation of the provisions of the Act and the Rules made thereunder.
- Under the provisions of the Act, the **term of the Standing Committee** will be **two years**.
- It is worth mentioning that in 2019, through an ordinance, the State Government had made a provision of increasing the reservation of Other Backward Classes in the state from 14 to 27 percent and for the economically weaker sections, which was postponed by the High Court.