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Decision on 10% EWS quota soon, says Bommai

Speaker, BJP MLAs seek speedy implementation of Centre's order

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aw Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday told the Legislative Assembly that the state government will soon issue an order on the 10% reservation for economically-weaker sections.

Bommai said the Cabinet will take a decision soon after Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri joined BJP legislators Vedavyas Kamath and V Sunil Kumar inurging the government to make sure the 10% EWS quota

benefited people, especially students.

"The state government has clarity on this. The Constitutional amendment brought by the Modi administration for those who don't have any quota and are economically-backward should benefit Kannadigas also," Bommai said. "An earlier order that was issued did not have clarity. A clear order will be issued soon," he added.

In January 2019, the Centre notified 10% reservation

in government jobs and admissions into educational institutions for families from the upper caste communities whose annual income is below Rs 8 lakh.

"Some 8-10 states have implemented this and this should be expedited, especially for students, in Karnataka. There's disappointment that this is getting delayed. If PM Modi's decision isn't implemented in Karnataka, it doesn't bode well," Kageri said, urging the government to act fast.

Bommai said the government was studying decisions taken in Goa and Gujarat on the 10% EWS quota. "We have

already discussed this. We will notify the communities that should come under this since there are complaints that many have been left out as per an earlier order. We will discuss with the Revenue department so

that these communities are

given certificates," he said.

Kamath, the Mangalore
City (South) MLA, said several communities were not
getting certificates under
the 10% EWS quota, citing
the example of the Goud
Saraswat Brahmins. Labour
Minister Shivaram Hebbar gave the example of the
Vadi Vysya community in
the Uttara Kannada district
saying they were eligible to
receive the benefit of the 10%
EWS quota.



Basavaraj Bommai