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K'taka decides to extend reservation beyond 50%

Informs SC Quota Quantum Should Be Left To States

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Bengaluru/New Delhi:
The Karnataka government
on Monday made a strong case in the Supreme Court for

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extending the quota in jobs and education beyond the stipulated 50% cap after making the move at a cabinet meeting chaired by chief minister BS Yediyurappa.

On the notice issued by the Supreme Court, seeking its response whether the 1992 Indra Sawhney verdict given

STATE BACKS MAHA

- > State backs Maharashtra, informs SC that 1992 verdict fixing **50% cap** on reservation should be **re-examined**
- > State lists quantifiable data and inadequate representation as reasons, makes case for administrative efficiency
- ➤ Argues that quantum of reservation should be left to state governments to decide

by a nine-judge bench needed to be re-examined, Karnataka told the top court that it should be the prerogative of the state government to decide on the quantum of quota.

Monday's cabinet decision to revise the quota cap comes a month after the Panchamasali Lingayat rally in

Bengaluru triggered fresh calls on the need to take a relook at the reservation matrix within the SC/ST and OBC quota framework.

Karnataka, supporting Maharashtra and other states, informed the SC that it should re-examine its 1992 verdict fixing 50% ceiling on reservation to bring more deprived classes within the ambit of reservation.

The state government also said that it supports the standtaken by the Maharashtra government, which, while supporting the Marathareservation, told the court that the quantum of reservation fixed at 50% be done away with and it should be left to the government to decide on the percentage of quota.

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dhering to the recommendations made by the one-man committee of Justice Nagmohan Das, the Karnataka government favours suggesting a 2% increase in reservation for SC (15% to 17%) and ST (3% to 5%) communities. Besides, the demand of all OBC communities seeking a change in status would effectively take Karnataka's reservation beyond 56%.

The state government has fixed a list of criteria, including quantifiable data, inadequate representation, and case for administrative efficiency, to recommend any change in the reservation status. Apart from the 10% quota for the economically weaker sections of the society, Karnataka currently has seven categories of reservations—five for OBC and one each for SCs and STs.