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**Sriramulu to head Cabinet
panel on quota hike**

BENGALURU, DHNS: The state government on Wednesday appointed a five-member ministerial committee, headed by Social Welfare Minister B Sriramulu, to decide on revising the existing quota for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SC and STs).

This Cabinet Sub-committee will also have Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol, Revenue Minister R Ashoka, Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Law Minister JC Madhuswamy as members, according to a note issued by the Cabinet

secretariat. The SCs want their quota increased from 15% to 17% whereas STs have asked for a jump from 3% to 7%.

The Sub-committee is expected to take stock of the report submitted by the Justice Nagmohan Das Commission that was set up by the previous Congress-JD(S) coalition government.

The Commission, which submitted a 277-page report in July, is said to have favoured the hike in quota.

Sriramulu, who belongs to the Valmiki (ST) community, is battling for a quota hike.



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