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SC asks them to reply to plea on 10% quota for economically weaker sections

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The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Tamil Nadu and Karnataka governments to reply to a petition seeking that they implement the 10% quota for economically weaker sections (EWS), in addition to the existing reservation.

A Bench of Justices S.A. Bobde and B.R. Gavai issued notice to both the States on the plea claiming that all the other State governments have implemented the 103rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 2019, which granted 10% reservation to the EWS category in government jobs and educational institutions.

"Neither Tamil Nadu nor Karnataka have implemented or enforced the Constitutional Amendment Act, 2019 till date," the plea said.

The petition filed by advocate G.S. Mani sought that the two States make special provisions for its implementation. It said the EWS reservation be implemented without disturbing the already existing quota benefits to the population belonging to the Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Backward Classes (BC) and the Most Backward Classes (MBC).

The plea said Tamil Nadu had granted 69% quota to SCs, STs, BCs and MBCs whereas the percentage of reservation in Karnataka was 70. The petition also said that some of the regional parties in Tamil Nadu were strongly

opposing the 10% EWS quote for some political reasons. The ruling party in the State was also critical of it.

It said the ceiling of 50% vertical reservation for SC. ST and BC was nowhere prescribed or mandated in the Constitution.

"The ceiling of 50 per cert vertical reservation for SC, ST and BC is a suggestion or discussion but not a mandatory direction to the Centre or State to adopt," the plea said.

Legarit accused