

UPSC Civil Services Examination

UPSC Notes [GS-II]

Topic: National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)

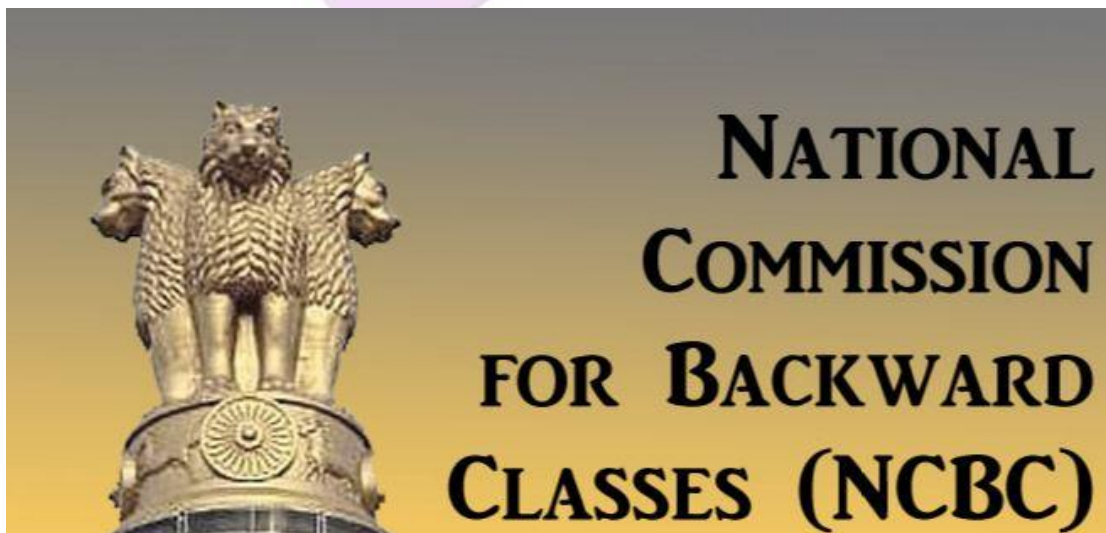
National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) established on 14th August 1993 is a constitutional body under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. It was formed under the National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993. This Commission was formed as an initiative for investigating the conditions and difficulties of the socially and educationally backward classes and thus making appropriate recommendations.

Some of the highlights of NCBC are mentioned in the table below:

NCBC full form	National Commission for Backward Classes
Year of formation	14th August 1993
NCBC Headquarters	Delhi
NCBC Chairman	Bhagwan Lal Sahni
Official website	http://www.ncbc.nic.in

NCBC is an important topic for the [IAS Exam](#) and is included under the GS-II section of [UPSC Syllabus](#).

How was NCBC formed?



The National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) was an outcome of the Indra Sawhney case (Mandal Commission) of 1992. In the final verdict of the Mandal Commission, the Supreme Court of India had addressed the formation of NCBC as a statutory body. Headquartered in Delhi, the National Commission for Backward Classes was established on August 14, 1993, under the NCBC Act of 1993. NCBC, in the year 2015, proposed that a person having an annual family income of up to ₹15 lakhs and belonging to the OBC caste will be considered as a minimum ceiling for OBC. It also recommended that OBC can be sub-divided into 'backwards', 'more backwards' and 'extremely backward' categories. As per NCBC, the number of backward castes in the year 2016 increased to 5013 in the Central list of OBCs.

Structure of NCBC

The National Commission for Backward Classes consists of five regulatory members which include the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and three other members with a tenure period of three years. The current regulatory members of NCBC are mentioned in the table below:

National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)	
Chairperson	Mr. Bhagwan Lal Sahni
Vice-Chairperson	Dr. Lokesh Kumar Prajapati
Member 1	Mrs. Sudha Yadav
Member 2	Mr. Kaushlendra Singh Patel
Member 3	Mr. Thalloju Achary

NCBC- Powers and Functions

1. The commission investigates and monitors all matters relating to the safeguards provided for the socially and educationally backward classes under the Constitution or under any other law to evaluate the working of such safeguards.
2. It participates and advises on the socio-economic development of the socially and educationally backward classes and to evaluate the progress of their development under the Union and any State.
3. It presents to the President, annually and at such other times as the Commission may deem fit, reports upon the working of those safeguards. The President laid such reports before each House of Parliament.
4. Where any such report or any part thereof, relates to any matter with which any State Government is concerned, a copy of such report shall be forwarded to the State Government.
5. NCBC has to discharge such other functions in relation to the protection, welfare and development and advancement of the socially and educationally backward classes as the President may, subject to the provisions of any law made by Parliament, by rule specify.
6. It has all the powers of a civil court while trying a suit.

NCBC is an important statutory body of India that investigates the conditions and difficulties of the socially and educationally backward classes. Candidates preparing for [UPSC 2020](#) should keep a track on the latest developments in the country as they form an important part for the [Civil Service Exam](#).