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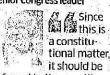
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Expressing shock at the Supreme Court ruling that Areservation is not a fundamental right and states are not bound to provide it, Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge said

the judgement will mislead the country and demanded that the case be referred to the constitutionalbenchsothatSC/ST.OBC and other communities can continue to benefit from reservation.

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sion of the case details by govern-prevent appointments and propart of BJP's purposeful ploy to end reservation in the country. "The judgement says that reservation is left to the (discretion of) states and it is not a fundamental right. I personally condemn the decision. Such judgements will mislead the country," he said,

Apartfrom SC/STs, OBCs and backward communities, people who benefit from 10% reservation to economically weaker sections, will also be affected. More-Noting that such a judgement over, the ambiguities in the order can be further misinterpreted to he said.

ment attorneys, he said that it is motions in autonomous bodies. he said.

The judgement, he said, has introduced unnecessary confusion when amendments to the Article 16 in the past had made it very clear. "To ensure social justice, this order should be amended," he said adding that directions should be issued to all states to ensure reservation inappointmentand promotion.

He accused the Centre of taking steps to end reservation. "This is all part of the process,"