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# Opposition targets BJP over SC's quota order

## NDA ally LJP disagrees with verdict, Cong plans protests

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The Supreme Court's latest verdict on reservation in promotions is turning out to be a hot potato for the BJP, with allies and the Opposition voicing disagreement with the judgement.

The top court had on Friday said an individual cannot claim reservation as a fundamental right and the government is not bound to provide quota in promotions for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) employees in public jobs.

The Congress targeted the BJP government in Uttarakhand, saying its lawyers failed to argue the case effectively, and raised questions about BJP's commitment to the cause of SC/STs. The SC ruling had come on petitions connected with reservation in Uttarakhand's Public Works Department, where the state decided against quota.

BJP ally Lok Janashakti Party (LJP), too, expressed displeasure over the verdict and urged the government to take "immediate steps" to ensure that people belonging to reserved categories continue

### Move it to Constitution bench: Kharge

Congress leader  
Mallikarjun  
Kharge said the  
Supreme Court  
judgement  
would mislead  
the country.

He demanded that the case be referred to the Constitution bench so that SC/STs, OBCs and others continue to benefit from reservation.

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to get quota in promotions in government jobs.

In a bid to up pressure on the government, Union Minister Ramvilas Paswan has convened a meeting of SC/ST members of Parliament on Monday to discuss the issue. LJP President Chirag Paswan said the SC order was against the concept of reservation.

Congress leaders Mukul Wasnik and Udit Raj said the party would launch demonstrations inside and outside Parliament to demand restoration of quota.

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"We respectfully put forth our dissent against this verdict. It is unfortunate that those who hold important posts in the government today are against reservation," Wasnik, a former union minister for social justice and empowerment, told reporters here.

Wasnik recalled the statements of RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat calling for a rethink on reservation policy and doubted the BJP's commitment to the cause of SC/ST communities. "The BJP government at the Centre and in Uttarakhand have taken different stands on the issue in courts. The party should clarify this dichotomy," Udit Raj, a former Lok Sabha member, said.