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## State govt. issues order on 10% quota for EWS

### Educational institutions in a fix

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The State government has issued an order that mandates 10% reservation to individuals from economically weaker sections (EWS) in the general category for government jobs and educational institutions.

However, the order issued by the Department of Backward Classes has put several college managements in a spot as they will have to implement it from the coming academic year. The order

### The criteria

Gross annual income should be below ₹8 lakh

#### THE FAMILY SHOULD NOT OWN THE FOLLOWING

5 acres of agricultural land and above

Residential flat of 1,000 sq.ft. and above

Residential plot of 100

sq. yards and above in notified municipalities

Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than notified municipalities

states that it will be applicable with retrospective effect from February 1, 2019.

This is in line with the order issued by the Union government, which stated that for the 2019-20 academic year, reservation for students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other backward

classes would be intact. The reservation for EWS in the general category would be achieved by increasing the number of seats by up to 25%, the Centre had said.

However, sources in the Higher Education Department said they were yet to make the necessary arrangements, such as improving in-

frastructure and hiring more teaching faculty. "There is just a little over a month for the academic year to commence for universities and it will be difficult for us to implement the order," the official added.

A management member of a private college said they would submit a representation to the State government asking to implement the order from 2020-21 as the admission process for this year has already begun.

The order issued by the department states that the authorities concerned should issue income and assets certificates to eligible

candidates and students. It also states that they should examine the PAN card, income tax returns and Form 16, and if these are not available, they should get an affidavit from the candidate that none of their family members hold these documents, and assess the family's annual income before issuing the certificate.

The Centre has said that those who avail the benefit of the reservation should belong to a caste not recognised as Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes, and have a gross annual income below ₹8 lakh.