

Regarding Criteria for Backward Status

Starred C.Q.No.182 tabled by Shri Aga Syed Mahmood Mosavi, Hon'ble MLC: will the Government be pleased to state:-

| S.No. | Question | Reply |
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| a) | the criteria being adopted for Backward status; whether Nowgam Sonawari and Zalpora Sonawari fall under said criteria; | a &b)There are set parameters and indicators for declaration of an area as backward which inter-alia include social & educational backwardness. Fulfillment of this criteria is a pre-requisite for declaring an area as backward. The cases of villages Nowgam and Zalpora areas of Sonawari Constituency have been received in the J&K State Commission for Backward Classes and are being screened in light of the above parameters. |
| b) | if so, why the backward status has not been granted to these areas? | |

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