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Q8(c)

How are Other Backward Classes identified. Enumerating the important features elucidate the recent changes in their social and economic life.

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Mandal Commission

Reported 1980; eleven indicators of backwardness; Central 27 percent OBC quota implemented in 1990.

Indra Sawhney 1992

Upheld OBC reservation, excluded creamy layer, and set an ordinary 50 percent ceiling.

102nd Amendment 2018

Inserted **Articles 338B and 342A**: constitutional NCBC and Presidential notification of the Central SEBC list.

105th Amendment 2021

Restored the power of States to identify socially and educationally backward classes for their own purposes after the Supreme Court's Maratha reservation judgment.

Creamy layer

Income and high-office filter that excludes the most advanced OBC families from job reservation.

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