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How far is the National Commission for Backward Classes an empowered body? Assess its role in the context of rising demand for backwardness among dominant communities.

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102nd Amendment, 2018

Inserted **Article 338B** and constitutionalised NCBC.

105th Amendment, 2021

Clarified states' power to identify socially and educationally backward classes for their lists.

Indra Sawhney (1992)

Upheld OBC reservation with creamy layer and a 50 per cent ceiling as the general rule.

Mandal Commission

Identified backwardness through social, educational, and economic indicators, not political dominance.

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