

Why BJP has most to lose from OBC anger over Maratha quota

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THE UNREST among the OBCs following a Maharashtra government draft notification allowing the issue of Kunbi certificates to the blood relatives of Maratha members who already have the certificate does not auger well for the ruling BJP ahead of the crucial 2024 Lok Sabha and Assembly elections.

OBC leaders and organisations have threatened state-wide rallies against the proposal, fearing it would cut into their quota pie. Cabinet minister and NCP (Ajit Pawar) faction leader Chhagan Bhujbal has announced the first such meeting of OBCs at Ahmednagar on February 3 under the banner of the Samata Parishad Bhujbal, declaring that he was not concerned about retaining his post.

"We will ensure OBC reservation remains intact at any cost," OBC Jan Manch president Prakash Shendge calls the draft notification a "betrayal", opening doors for Marathas to avail the OBC quota using Kunbi certificates.

How do the numbers stack up?

At 52% of the population, OBCs are a decisive force in Maharashtra. Comprising 250-plus groups and sub-groups, they have a presence across 355 talukas covering 36 districts, with not a single one of the state's 40,000 plus villages not having some numbers.

The Marathas, in contrast, are 33% of the state population, but the single largest group in the state, and socially and politically the most dominant. Since the late 1980s, led by right-wing ideologue Vasantrao Bhagwat, the BJP has assiduously nurtured an OBC support base, to expand beyond its image of being a Brahmin-Baniya party.

Bhagwat's efforts ensured that backward communities such as the Malis, Dhangers and Vanjaris — popularly grouped under the acronym 'Madhav' — emerged as the mainstay of the BJP.

In contrast, the Marathas are seen as traditionally supporters of the Congress, and later its offshoot NCP, plus the Shiv Sena.

Why is BJP worried about the optics?

While the Maharashtra government, headed by Maratha leader Eknath Shinde and including another Maratha as Deputy CM (Ajit Pawar), apart from Devendra Fadnavis, has tried to assuage the OBCs calling their apprehensions about dilution of their quota as mis-



Maratha Murcha in Navi Mumbai on January 26. File

placed, they have had little success so far.

Fadnavis, a Brahmin leader, also reiterated Monday that the government was committed to safeguarding the OBC quota, with "Kunbi certificates to be issued only to eligible candidates after thorough scrutiny".

But the BJP's fear additionally is that the gains of the Maratha quota move will accrue to Shinde as CM, consolidating his base, while the OBC anger will boomerang on the BJP.

A senior BJP OBC leader from North Maharashtra admitted the party was worried about the optics. "Marathas are a dominant community. When they get Kunbi certificates, they will automatically avail the OBC quota... While those in the know argue that the number of individuals getting new Kunbi certificates as per the notification will be small, the question is how will we counter OBC opposition," the leader said.

What's another view, of leaders like Narayan Rane?

Treading with caution, the Shinde Sena-BJP-Ajit Pawar NCP government has told its

members not to speak out of turn, given the risk of aggravating an already delicate situation. And yet Union minister Narayan Rane, himself a Maratha, has gone public against the draft notification.

"Extending OBC rights to Marathas, rather than separate reservation, was not a good decision. It will further divide the society and generate unrest," he said. Rane believes the backwards within the Maratha community should get separate reservation in government jobs and education, and fears a dilution of the Maratha identity if it accepts Kunbi certificates for OBC status.

In 2013-14, as Cabinet minister in the Prithviraj Chavan-led Congress-NCP coalition government, Rane had steered a committee that recommended a separate 16% quota for Marathas. However, it was challenged in courts.

Why is Maharashtra a challenge for BJP?

The Marathas have hit the BJP at a time when the party was hoping to steady its ship in Maharashtra on the strength of the Ram Temple consecration boost — against the challenge posed by the Uddhav Sena-Sharad Pawar NCP-Congress alliance, that is so far holding strong.

Trying to find the middle ground, the BJP let Shinde solely take the limelight for warding off the immediate challenge posed by Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange Patil's planned Mumbai protest. However, the BJP knows that it needs to do more to assuage the OBCs. Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi president Prakash Ambedkar, who has carved out a Dalit-OBC vote base for himself and has so far kept his options open between the NDA and Maha Vikas Aghadi, underlines the BJP's dilemma.

Maratha survey faces fresh challenge: People refusing to share info

Highest number of residents refusing to share details is from non-slum areas, according to enumerators

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IF THE task of completing a humungous survey to establish the "backwardness" of the Maratha community in nine days was not challenging enough, enumerators are now facing a new challenge of people declining to divulge the required information.

During the first six days of the ongoing survey, residents of nearly 10 per cent of the households in Mumbai that were to be enumerated declined to provide information.

Enumerators reported encountering the highest number of refusals in non-slum areas, attributing them to hesitancy and lack of awareness.

Over 3.5 lakh individuals — primarily state government employees — have been engaged in the survey to clear the path for granting reservation to the Maratha community. The time period granted for this by the Maharashtra State Commission for Backward Classes (MSCBC) was from January 23 to 31.

In Mumbai, the survey is being conducted by the BMC, which has deputed 30,000 of its staff for this work. Between January 23 and January 28, a total of 28.07 lakh houses in the city were earmarked for the survey, of which 2.69 lakh

houses, constituting 9.61 per cent of survey sample, declined to participate.

When The Indian Express interviewed numerous enumerators, they identified various reasons for the challenges they faced. These included hesitation in responding to questions from unfamiliar individuals, particularly in non-slum areas. Additionally, enumerators noted difficulties arising from categorizing many Hindu and non-Hindu communities as "others" in the "MSBCC Survey" app.

"People in slum areas are generally more cooperative and patient in responding to the queries. We aren't encountering significant issues there. However, our primary challenge lies in dealing with non-slum residents who display reluctance, particularly when it comes to answering even basic questions about caste and sub-castes," said Sarika Kunde, 37, a community health volunteer from Dahisar.

According to the data available, the refusal rate is higher with male enumerators. An Solid Waste Management employee from BMC shared an incident where he was turned away by society guards while attempting to enter a building for the survey.

"Despite presenting our ID card, the society denied us entry. Considering our daily targets, we

cannot afford to spend hours arguing with them. Nevertheless, we report refusals to higher authorities for record-keeping," he explained.

The BMC has also requested the residents to cooperate. The local political leaders have been asked to sensitise the residents of their specific areas.

Simultaneously, the BMC administration urges citizens to permit their staff, equipped with an official letter, access to housing complex premises and respond to survey questions. "It is necessary to sign a blank paper to validate the information provided. Subsequently, the document will be uploaded on the tablet, returned, and kept confidential, shared only with the commission," said Sudhakar Shinde, assistant commissioner, BMC.

The city has approximately 39 lakh houses, and each house will be visited by the survey staff. To ensure that all houses are visited within nine days, the workforce assigned to this task needs to cover more than 4 lakh houses each day. As of Sunday, the BMC enumerators were able to reach 72 per cent of the houses in Mumbai.

During the survey, 5,70,984 houses were found closed. To accommodate the survey's timeframe, the municipality permits early or late visits.

'Eknath Shinde has emerged a stronger Maratha leader'

WITH THE new draft notification on kunbi certificates, Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi president PRAKASH AMBEDKAR has warned of a Maratha versus OBC polarisation in Maharashtra. In an interview with SHUBHANGI KHAPRE, Ambedkar said the move will also lead to differences between kunbi versus non-kunbi Marathas.

How do you analyse the government's decision to issue a draft notification that accepts blood relations of eligible Marathas for kunbi certificates?

The decision will have an impact on many political and social fronts. What's clear through the notification is all blood relatives of Marathas with kunbi certificates will be considered. Issuing kunbi certificates to Marathas, subject to scrutiny, is a big step forward. It will allow them to avail reservation within the OBC quota. We can say CM Eknath Shinde has fulfilled Maratha activist Manoj Jarange Patil's demand.

Will that help reconcile the long-drawn bitterness between Marathas and government on reservation?

CM Eknath Shinde has played a master stroke. He has now emerged as a stronger Maratha leader. He has scored points against the Fadnavis-led BJP and NCP (Ajit Pawar faction). He has made inroads with the

community by conceding to Jarange Patil's demands.

A fallout has been the OBC protest against the draft notification.

It was expected. If kunbi certificates give Marathas access to OBC reservation, the differences between the two will widen. Reservation will adversely affect the socio-economic co-existence of these two communities.

How will the Maratha - OBC polarisation play out in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls?

There will be a wedge between non-kunbi and kunbi Marathas. This will get all the more complicated as the matter will get challenged in courts by OBC organisations. There is a growing sense among OBCs of being let down by the ruling coalition and are putting the blame on BJP.

Will it help Maha Vikas Aghadi?

There is no unanimity among constituents representing MVA. The Congress's high-handedness is adversely affecting the opposition front. There was no concrete counter proposal against the ruling BJP on Maratha quota.

Are you still ready to join MVA?

We never said no. They have called for a meeting on January 30. The INDIA bloc is not heading as was expected. Let us hope MVA can retain its opposition status.

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NOTICE OF RECORD DATE FOR 3rd INTERIM DIVIDEND FOR FY 2023-24
Notice is hereby given that 07th February, 2024 (Wednesday) has been fixed as the Record Date for the purpose of determining the entitlement of members to Interim Dividend @80% (Rs.4.00 per share on equity share of Rs. 5/- each), declared by the Board in its meeting held on 24.01.2024 for the financial year 2023-24. Further, Interim dividend will be paid:

(i) to those Members whose names will appear in the Register of Members of the Company, after giving effect to all valid Share Transfers in physical form lodged with the Company and its Registrar on or before 07th February, 2024; or
(ii) in respect of Shares held in electronic form, to those "deemed members" whose names appear on the Statements of beneficial ownership furnished by National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) and Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL), at the end of business hours on 07th February, 2024.

In order to avail the facility of payment of dividend through Electronic Clearing Service (ECS), members of the Company, holding their shares in Demat mode are requested to submit the duly filled in ECS Mandate to their Depository Participant and those holding physical shares to Company's Share Transfer Agent and Registrar: M/s Beetal Financial & Computer Services (P) Ltd., BEETAL HOUSE, 3rd Floor, 99, Madangiri, Behind Local Shopping Centre, Near Dada Harasudhas Mandir, New Delhi - 110062. ECS Instructions once furnished by the member will supersede all his/her previous bank mandates/details. ECS mandate form is available on Company's website: www.concorindia.co.in

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PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION IN
Inviting Suggestions and Objections on The Tata Power Company Limited – Distribution's Tariff Petition for Truing up of FY 2022-23, Provisional Truing up for FY 2023-24 and approval of Revised ARR and Tariff for FY 2024-25 [Case No. 237 of 2023]

1. The Tata Power Company Limited-Distribution (Tata Power-D) has filed Tariff Petition (Case No. 237 of 2023) for Truing up for FY 2022-23 as per MYT Regulations, 2019, Provisional Truing-up of ARR for FY 2023-24 and approval of Revised ARR, expected revenue from existing Tariff and charges, expected revenue gap/surplus and proposed category-wise Tariff for FY 2024-25 as per MYT Regulations, 2019.

2. The Commission has admitted the Petition on 19 January, 2024 and directed Tata Power-D to publish a Public Notice under Section 64(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003 Inviting Suggestions/Objections from the public.

3. The salient features of the petition were published in the newspapers as Public Notice on 29.01.2024 (Notice). Based on discrepancies noticed in the submitted tariff (Table 17 & Table 19 of the Notice), Tata Power-D has made additional submissions to Hon'ble MERC on 28.01.2024 with the corrected tables 17 & 19 in its Annexure. This additional submission is on tariff correction only and does not change any of the ARR proposals/numbers. The copy of additional submission may be read along with the Petition and the Notice and may be downloaded from Tata Power-D's website (<https://www.tatapower.com/corporate/regulatory/regulatory-mumbai.aspx>) or may be obtained along with the documents as per para 11 of the Notice dated 29.01.2024.

Signature: Name: Pankaj Prakash
Designation: Head Regulatory
The Tata Power Company Limited

Place: Mumbai
Date: 30 January, 2024

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RECRUITMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS
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The National Law University Odisha invites applications from Indian Citizens for the post of Counsellor on contract basis and Nurse on regular basis in prescribed format downloaded from NLUO website. Details of the post, pay, category are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Mode of appointment	No of Posts	Pay Scale in pay matrix as per 7th CPC
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02	Nurse	Regular	01	Entry pay: Rs. 25,500/- (Pre Revised Rs.5200-20200, GP Rs.2400)

*The post of Counsellor will be initially for a period of one year on contract. After one year it will be renewed on annual basis, depending upon the performance report.
Other details of the posts and relevant information can be accessed from the Career section of the University website www.nluo.ac.in.
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2. Please refer to the Career section of the NLUO website for other terms, conditions of the service.
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S. No.	Particulars	Standalone					Consolidated				
		Quarter ended 31.12.2023 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31.12.2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31.12.2023 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31.12.2022 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)	Quarter ended 31.12.2023 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31.12.2022 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31.12.2023 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31.12.2022 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31.03.2023 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	495.04	636.70	1,563.88	1,559.91	2,003.65	495.15	636.70	1,564.39	1,559.97	2,004.05
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	166.00	309.16	612.73	630.37	783.44	165.74	309.16	611.63	629.94	783.06
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	166.00	309.16	612.73	630.37	783.44	165.74	309.16	611.63	629.94	783.06
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items#)	137.72	230.81	516.29	551.51	673.09	137.56	230.73	515.31	551.22	672.85
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit/ (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	137.05	232.44	514.28	556.39	670.57	136.89	232.36	513.30	556.10	670.33
6	Paid up Equity Share Capital	3,665.88	3,665.88	3,665.88	3,665.88	3,665.88	3,665.88	3,665.88	3,665.88	3,665.88	3,665.88
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	7,105.74	6,998.72	7,105.74	6,998.72	6,762.90	7,103.87	6,997.55	7,103.87	6,997.55	6,761.77
8	Securities Premium Account	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Net worth	10,771.62	10,664.60	10,771.62	10,664.60	10,428.78	10,769.75	10,663.43	10,769.75	10,663.43	10,427.65
10	Paid up Debt Capital/ Outstanding Debt	13,569.40	9,980.12	13,569.40	9,980.12	10,675.24	13,598.40	9,980.12	13,598.40	9,980.12	10,675.24
11	Outstanding Redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Debt Equity Ratio	1.45	0.99	1.45	0.99	1.11	1.45	0.99	1.45	0.99	1.11
13	Earnings Per Share (of ₹1000/-each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) – 1. Basic: 2. Diluted:	37.57 37.57	62.96 62.96	140.84 140.84	150.44 150.44	183.61 183.61	37.54 37.54	62.94 62.94	140.64 140.64	150.38 150.38	183.55 183.55
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Debt Redemption Reserve	239.10	170.88	239.10	170.88	186.50	239.10	170.88	239.10	170.88	186.50
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	1.81	2.30	2.10	1.90	1.84	1.76	2.23	2.06	1.88	1.83
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	5.54	7.64	7.53	5.33	6.22	5.54	7.64	7.53	5.33	6.22

- Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items adjusted in the Statement of Profit and Loss in accordance with Ind AS Rules / AS Rules, whichever is applicable.

Notes:
1. The above results have been approved by the Board of Directors at their meeting held on 28.01.2024.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial Results filed with the Stock Exchange(s) under Regulation 52 of the Listing Regulations. The full format of the quarterly Financial Results is available on the websites of the stock exchange(s) and THDCIL (<https://www.bseindia.com/xml-data/corpfiling/AttachLive/9cc6ec2-4efb-45a1-97ef-9f053a7f9549.pdf> and https://nsearchives.nseindia.com/content/debt/WDM/Debt_28012024202940_FinancialStatementFinal.pdf)
3. For the other line items referred in regulation 52(4) of the Listing Regulations, pertinent disclosures have been made to the stock exchange(s) (NSE and BSE) and can be accessed on the URL (<https://www.bseindia.com/xml-data/corpfiling/AttachLive/9cc6ec2-4efb-45a1-97ef-9f053a7f9549.pdf> and https://nsearchives.nseindia.com/content/debt/WDM/Debt_28012024202940_FinancialStatementFinal.pdf)

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