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News: National Commission of Schedule Caste (NCSC)

- Recently, the **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment** submitted the **Annual Report 2022-23** of the National Commission of Schedule Caste (NCSC) to the **President of India**.

National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)

- Article 338 of the Constitution speaks about **NCSC and its 6 members including a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson** to be appointed by the **President** by a **warrant under his hand and seal** of India for a term of **3 years**.
- Their **conditions of service and tenure of office** are also determined by the **President**.
- The **reports of NCSC** are submitted to the **President annually** and as an when it thinks necessary.
- The **president lays the report** before the houses of Parliament.
- Reports **pertaining to states** are also submitted to **President**, who sends it to the **Governor** of concerned state. The Governor is required to lay the report before the **State Legislature(s)**.

- NCSC works under Ministry of Minority Affairs whereas, NCBC works under the Ministry of Social Justice and NCST works under Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Powers

- To investigate and monitor all matters relating to the safeguards provided for the Scheduled Castes under this Constitution or under any other law for the time being in force or under any order of the Government and to evaluate the working of such safeguards.
- The chairman is given the rank of Union Cabinet Minister.
- National Commission for SCs (NCSC) has to investigate all matters relating to the constitutional and other legal safeguards for the Anglo-Indian Community and report to the President upon their working.
- An important thing to be kept in mind is that, the power to increase and decrease the quantum of reservation to these categories is vested with the Ministry of Home Affairs and Department of Personnel and Training and not NCSC.