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Betrayal of the cause of Backward Classes was in evidence yesterday as 35 members of BJP absented from Rajya Sabha leading to failure of 123rd Constitutional Amendment Bill bringing in the NCBC. Under BJP regime, a systematic decimation of rights of SC's, ST's & BC's has become the mantra.

As BJP attempts to put a lid on this sordid episode by blaming the Congress Party, Let us remind the Nation that it is the Congress Party which brought in the 27% reservation of Backward Classes and constituted the NCBC.

Instead of doing a public drama of admonishing its MP's for being absent from Rajya Sabha, PM and BJP President must apologise to the Backward classes for compromising their interests and bring in fresh legislations to undo the wrong.