CASTE MATH While wooing 12% upper castes to counter RJD's support among 15% Yadavs, BJP cautious about not upsetting the MBC support of ally JDU

# BJP Brings Quota for Poor Into Play in Bihar

**Reservation A Major Poll Issue** The quota law is expected to address the discontent among the upper castes

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Upper castes are significant in constituencies like Begusarai, Buxar, Patliputra, Munger. Karakat, Madhepura, Muzaffarpur and EWS through a bill Aurangabad

Chief minister Nitish Kumar set up a commission for the upper castes, Swarna Aayog, and launched education scheme benefits to the upper castes with an annual income of less than ?15 lakh

fuelled by the amendment bill to restore provisions of the SC/ST Act BJP leaders have putup hoardings at prominent locations in Patna congratulating PM Modi for bringing poor upper castes into reserva tion fold

The bill (on EWS quota) will be tabled in the budget session of the Assembly beginning February 11



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Patna: In the casteruled political battlefleld of Bihar, BJP has picked up the uppercaste quota as its most potent weapon to take on the mighty Yadavs.

The united upper castes, which makes about 12-15% of the electorate, have the potential to counter RJD's strong support base among Yadavs, constituting about 15% of voters. BJP is using the 10% reservation for the economically weakersections (EWS) in the general calegory to mobilise these votes.

The quota law is expected to address the discontent among the upper castes fuelled by the amendment Bill to restore provisions of the SC/ST Act. "BJP had to face embarrassing comments after the SC/ST Act amendment was passed by Parliament. The EWS quota has come as a sigh of relief for BJP in Bihar," a party sourcesaid.

Whilethe BJPled NDAzeroes in on the upper castes, most backward classes (MBC) or thenon-Yadav other backward classes (OBCs) and SC voters, its main rival RJD and its allies are trying to fo ray into JDU's MBC vote bank, keeping its Muslim-Yadav stronghold intact.

The state government decision to follow the central model for the 10% EWS quota has come as a shot in the arm for BJP in wooing the upper caste voters. "Whileotherstates implemented it through executive ordet; Bihar has decided to implement 10% reservation for EWS through a Bill. The Bill will be tabled in the budget session of the assembly beginning February 11," JDU spokesperson Neeraj Kumar told ET.

In Bihar, the uppercastes comprise Brah

**NET REVENUE** 

15,153

4,377

Q3FY1B

"Net of Excise Duty / GST

Total comprehensive income for the period (comprising profit for the period after

Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance

Standalone (Viscose, Chemicals & others)

Net Profit (before tax and exceptional items)

Net Profit before Tax (after exceptional items)

Net Profit after Tax (after exceptional items)

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Earning per share (of₹2 each) (not annualised):

2. Key Standalone Financial Results Information:

Net Profit after Tax (before exceptional items)

Paid up equity share capital(face value ₹2 per share)

18,419

5,293

**Q3FY19** 

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8,402

2,526

\*Q3FY17

Particulars |

Total income

(A) Basic

(B) Diluted

Exceptional Items (Note 1)

Sheet of the previous year

**Particulars** 

Total Income

7th February 2019.

Date: 7º February 2019

Place: Mumbai

Profit before Tax

Net Profit atter Tax

**BACK TO MANDAL DAYS** 



### **Tejashwi Targets** Nitish on Quota

Patna: Leader of Opposition in Bihar Assembly Tejashwi Yadav on Thursday hit out at CM Nitish Kumar say inghe could become the prime minister for not speakingagainst Central government's 13 point roster to end reservation for SC/ST and OBCs. "Nitish Kumar has been involved in 8JP's deep

> conspiracy to end the reservation. If you don't speak against the rosterand wear saffron 'jama' of RSS you will be rewarded for it...and be made Prime Minister," he said - IANS

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**Q3FY17** 

**Three Months** 

31/12/2018

18,591.13

1,734.57

1,734.57

957.92

131.52

14.57

14.57

Three Months

Ending

31/12/2018

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5,351.43

877.01

608.15

608.15

1,191.20

Consolidated

AN EXTRACT OF THE CONSOLIDATED UNAUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS

FOR THE QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS ENDED 3151 DECEMBER 2018

1. Exceptional item represents onetime non-cash charge of Rs. 2,277 Cr. to Profit and Loss Account. This is relating to fair value of the Company's

reduction of Company's shareholding in VIL to 11,55% on merger of Viodatone India Ltd. with Idea Cellular Ltd. we.f. 31 August 2018.

shareholding in Vodafone Idea Ltd. (VIL) (earlier known as Idea Cellular Ltd.), as VIL ceased to be an "Associate" of the Company, consequent to

These results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their meetings held on

(Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Unaudited Financial Results is available on the

4. These are an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI

stock exchange websites, www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and on the Company's website www.grasim.com.

EBITDA

2.675

920

**Q3FY18** 

Nine Months

Ending

31/12/2018

52,652.77

5,168.80

(2,276.75)

2,892.05

627.95

581.18

131.52

955

955

57,230.37

**Nine Months** 

Ending

31/12/2018

15,664.87

2,067.40

640.69

64.05

For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

mins. Kshatrivas or Thakurs and Bhumihars. They are significant in con stituenci es like Begusarai, Buxar. Patliputra, Munger, Karakat, Madhepura, Muzaffarpur and Aurangabad. Itwould, however, be hard for BJP to polarise the upper caste votes in its favour without affecting the JDU support base in atipichchara or non-Yaday OBCs, atthe ground level.

BJP has devised a strategy by cleate clusters of constituencies One such cluster accommodates Ujiyarpur, Begusarai, Khagaria and Samastipur Lok Sabha seat, which have a good population of MBC voters. Union home minister Rajnath Singh will address booth workers in this belt on February 9. His presence will help it keep its upper caste support baseintact. Similarly, Uttar Pradesh deputy chief minister and BJP's OBC face Keshav Prasad Maurya willaddress booth workers in the cluster covering Chhapara, Siwan, Gopalganj and Maharajganj, which isa Thakurstron shold.

RJD, on the other hand, is targeting the consolidated OBC votes in line with the 2015 assembly polls, when Nitish Kumarled JDU was part of the grand alliance. with demand to raise the OBC quota It has launched a campaign, Berojgari Hatao, AarakashanBadhao(end unemployment, raise reservations), to promote the Mandalpolitics. 'In Bihar, reservation is a sensitive issue. Opposition parties, particularly RJD, is spreading misinformation about NDA that it has given 10% reservation to the uppercastes which is 15% of the population in the state" a source in Bihar BJP said. "We are highlighting the 10% EWS reservation as one among the central government's many achievements. BJP is careful about its image as a party of upper castes in the state."

₹ in Crores

2,958

1,111

**Q3FY19** 

Not to scale

**Three Months** 

Ending

31/12/2017

₹in Crores

15,343.93

1,254.36

1,254.36

543.18

1061.82

131.47

8.26

8.25

₹ in Crores

4,414.09

724.54

473.85

473.85

Dilip Gaur

Managing Director

DIN:02071393

**Three Months** 

Ending

31/12/2017



### **BJP Plans** Mega Modi **Event in Guwahati**

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Guwahati: With the northeastern states protesting for a month since the Lok Sabha passed the Citizenship (Aniendment) Bill, the ruling BJP in Assam is preparing to make Prine Minister Narendra Modi's public function in Guwahati on February 9a grand event.

The party expects about 300,000 people to attend the meeting, which it claims will bethelargest for a publicfunction at any venue in Assanı.

"Preparations for the PM's visit are in full swing and we will see a huge turnout of people at

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**BJPexpects** about 300.000 people to attendthe meeting in Assam

Sarmasaid. "Over 3 lakh people are expected in the rally. which will be the largest ever rally in Assam. This is a thanks giving

who has recently given Assam projects worth ₹37,000 crore," said BJP MLA Ashok Singhal. Assani has plunged into a series of protests, including highway blockades, amid opposition to the bill, which would allow non-Muslim migrants who arrived in the country on or before December 31,2014, to stay on as Indian ci-

rally for the prime minister

the bill on January 8. The All Assam Students Union and other student or ganisations in the northeast recently organised a massive rally in Guwa hati against the bill.

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## Rajasthan to Take 2 Yrs to Repay Waiver Amount

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New Delhi: The cashstrapped Rajasthan government started delivering on its poll promiseandbegan rollingouta uulti crorerupee far mloan waiver on Thursday even as it struggles to get its economics right.

Saddled with its own electoral pledge and the fimancial burden of the previous BJP government's loan waiver, the Congress government will take two financial years to make good the loss to cooperative banks that advanced the farm loans.

Deputy chief minister Sachi nPilotstarted the distribution of waiver cert if icates to farmers at Sirsi in Jaipur. While the farmers get the benefit, the Raja sthan State Cooperative Bank will have to wait till March 2021 to recover the amount, to be paid by the Ashok Gehlot government in two annual tranches.

"The state government would be bearing the expenditure of the loan waiver from ils own funds. This would be done over the next two fiscals." Rajasthan State Cooperative Bank managing director Vidyadh ar Godara told ET "Half the amount would be given in 2019-20 and the remaining would be given in 2020-21 financial year. The apex bank would get the entire amount by March2021."

The government will waive loans totalling ₹9.513 cr. However, the total amount will excee d 15.000 cr because it has to beartheburden of the waiver declared by the previous BJP gover nment under VasundlaraRaje. The state government was struggling till late Wednesday to work out the finances. After severalmeetings between the chief secretary, the cooperatives department and Rajasthan State

Cooperative Bank officials, it was decided to

On Day 1, Gehlot Govt Waives₹27-cr Loans



The Rajasthan governmentwaived farm loans worth₹27 crore on the firstday of its waiver

camps, About 6.000 farmers were handed overtheir waiver certificates in 33campsacross all districts, An additional 9,000 certificates were uploaded on the portal. The governmentwouldhold 165 campstill Saturday.So far. 5.09 lakh farmers have registered on the government's portal for the waiver.



The&JP'5 "jailbharo" **Drogramme** overthe waiverswill beginon Friday

start with ₹1.668 crore of this about ₹1.250 cr would be transferred to the Rajasthan State Cooperative Bank towaids the loan waiver and ₹418 cr would be given as grant inaid next month Officials said the state would make a provision in the budget for the waiver and this would be transfer red to the Rajasthan State Coo-

The Rajasthan government had received flak from the BJP during the previous assembly session over the delay in implementing the loan waivel: A sense of urgency was added after the Medigovernment announcedon February Ithat it would give ₹6.000a ye arto farmer families that own up to 2 hectares. 

perative Bank.

## Congress and JMM Clinch Jharkhand Election Pact

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New Delhi: The Congress and the Jharkhand Mukhti Morcha have finalised an alliance for the Lok Sabhaand assembly elections in BJP-ruled Jharkhand The two parties will have Babulal Marandi's Jharkhand Vikas Morcha and the Rashtriya Janata Dal in the alliance

Congress will lead the alliance in the Lok Sabha polls and is likely to contest in 7 out of the 141 Seats. JMM will be the lead party for the assembly polls, which is expected to be held along with the Lok Sabha polls. Hemant Soren will be the claimantfor the CMs post JMM will contest four JVM 2 and RJD 1 Lok Sabha seat. The deal was struck at a meeting attended by Congress presidentRahulGandhi,SorenandAICCincharge RPN Singh and PCC chief Ajoy Kumar. AICC general secretaries Priyanka Gandhiand KC Venugopal too were learnt to have been involved in the exercise.

The Congress and JMM "are united in the fight to save democracy", said Gandhi, while announcing the alliance onhis Facebook page.



### Cong, NCP May Give 8 Seats to Other Allies

The Congress and NCP are considering giving the highest seats to allies in Ma harashtra for the parlia mentary polis. In all, 8 seats are likely to be given to the allies: the Congress and NCP will each give four seatseach from their quota. Eight seats would be given to Prakash Ambedkar's Bharipa Bahujan Mahasangh. • PS

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Renewall work by SDBC in Km. I 00 to 2.00 and PC v/orc in 6.00 to 9.00 of Khunt - Almora Motor Road in Almora constituency under Annual maintenance (in Anticipation of sanction)	4000 00 + 16% GST	Rs. 17.0 Lakh	60 Days	6 Mouth	Category C & above (Road works)
2	Renewal work by PC In Km. 200 to 12:00 and Km. 16:00 of Sitte-whet-Kathpunya. Doulaghal Motor Road in Someshwarconstituency under Annual maintenance. (In Anticipation of sanction)	4000.00 + 18% GST	As. 2.98 Lakh	60 Days	- 6 Мอกโท	Category 'B' & above (Road worts)
3	Articla Jageshwar Naini Motor road (MDR-9) Renewal work by P.C.ii Km. 9 0 18 & Km. 2 t (In Anticipation of sanction)	Ps., 4000,00+ 18% GST	As. 2.93 Lakh	60 Days	4 Months	Category 'B' & above (Road works)
4	Kesi Daulagiat Korichhina 8ag- wali pekhar 8 inta Motor road (MDR-2) Remerval work by SDBC in Km 34 to 38 (In Anticipation of sanction)	Rs. 4000.00 + 18%GST	As. 2 20 Lakh	50 Days	& Monfis	Category "B" & above (Road works)
5	NTO Kalarchan Dhaulchhina Motor Roed (MDR3) Renewal work by P.C. in Km. 10 to 15 (In Anticipation of sanction)	Hs. 4000 00 + 18% GST	Pa. 130 Lakh	60 Daye	4 Months	Calegory "C" & above (Road works)
6	Physic Bhanoll Meter road Renewal work by P.C. In Km 6 to 9 (In Anticipation of section)	As, 4000,00 + 18% GST	1.03 Laxh	60 Days	Montha	Category "C" & above (Read works)
7	Dhauladevi Kheti Jaleshwar Moor road Relevial work by P.C. In Km. 13 to 17 (In Anticipation of sanction)	As. 4000,00 • 18% GST	As. 1.30 Lakh	60 Days	4 Monhs	Calegory *C* & above (Road works)
8	Takula Ganan atlı Ranman Motor ıo ad Renewall work by P.C. İn Knı, 3 106 (In Anticipation of sanction)	As: 4000,00+ 18% GST	As. 103 Lakh	60 Daye	3 Months	Category "C" & above (Road works)
3	Renewal work by SDBC in Km. 0.00 to 7.60 of Dwarahat Sural-khel Molor Road in Dwarahat constituency under Annual maintenance. (In Anticipation of sanction)	4000,00 + 18% GST	As. 2,26 Lakh	60 Days	6 Monihs	Category "a" & above (Road works)
10	Renewal work by PC in Km. 0.00 to 11.00 of Dwarahat-Asgoli Moor Road in Dwarahat constituency under Annual maintenance. (In Anticipation of Sanction)	4000 00 ↓ 18% GST	As. 2.32 Lakh	Daye	Monthag	Category "B" & a bo ve (Road works)

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