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Gujjars, Bakerwals call off stir against ST status for Paharis

Gujjars

- Gujjar Tribe is found in India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan.
- traditionally they have been involved in agriculture (most famously, dairy and livestock farming).
- Linguistically Religiously Diverse group
- own language, known as Gujari.

Bakerwals

- The Gujjars and Bakarwals are the two unique ethnic nomadic groups that rear flocks of sheep and goat between high and low altitudes of Western Himalayas.
- In summer, these groups migrate to upper reaches of the valley and in winter, they take their flocks to the lower areas of the valley to protect themselves from the harsh cold.
- The habitat of these people is in the hilly terrain of the North-Western Himalayas.

What is the Process of Inclusion in the ST List?

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- ▶ The process to include tribes in the ST list begins with the recommendation from the respective State governments, which are then sent to the Tribal Affairs Ministry, which reviews and sends them to the Registrar General of India for approval.
- ▶ This is followed by the NCST approval before the list is sent to the Cabinet for a final decision.
- ▶ 342(1): The President may with respect to any State or Union Territory, and where it is a State, after consultation with the Governor, by a public notification, specify the tribes or tribal communities or part of or groups within tribes or tribal communities as Scheduled Tribe in relation to that State or Union Territory.

- The final decision rests with the President's office issuing a notification specifying the changes under powers vested in it from Articles 342.
- The inclusion of any community in the Scheduled Tribes come into effect only after the President assents to a Bill that amends the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950, as is appropriate, after it is passed by both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

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