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Supreme Court Clarifies Test for OBC Creamy Layer

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A significant ruling from the Supreme Court of India has drawn a clear line on how the “creamy layer” within the Other Backward Classes reservation system should be identified. The Court has ruled that a parent’s salary alone cannot be used to decide whether a candidate falls into the creamy layer category.



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