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- Akolkar Prakash, a senior journalist and intellectual in Maharashtra.
- Anaimuthu, General Secretary, Marxist Periyarist Communist Party in TN.
- Ananth Krishna V., a senior journalist and intellectual based in Chennai.
- Bahadur Raj, one of the founder leaders of the BSP. Left the party in 1995 after the SP-BSP coalition government fell.
- Balu K., President, State Legal Wing, PMK.
- Bangar Pratap, a senior Shiv Sena leader from Parabhani, Marathwada. Belongs to Vanjari community, worked in Janata Dal during early 1990s.
- Bhandari Madhav, State Spokesperson, BJP, Maharashtra.
- Chaudhari Nagesh, senior OBC leader and an important ideologue of the OBC movement and left politics in Maharashtra.
- Chaudhari Niteen, OBC Mukti Morcha, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- Chaudhari Rajendra, State Spokesperson, SP, UP.
- Chauhan Ramadnya Singh, former minister in UP. He is a member of the SP.
- Chopade Kisan, important social scientist in Maharashtra. Based in Parabhani, Marathwada.
- Darade Ushatai, MLC. Member of the NCP in Beed, Marathwada.
- Das A. K., retired IAS officer. He has worked as the secretary to the government of UP.
- Devare Shravan, a very important intellectual and ideologue of the OBC movement in Maharashtra.
- Dhavade Mahendra Kumar, OBC Seva Sangha, Nagpur, Maharashtra.
• Dhobale Pradeep, Founder Member, OBC Seva Sangha, Maharashtra.

• Divakar D. M., an important scholar and a faculty in Giri Institute of Development Studies, Lucknow.

• Elongavan T. K. S., Organising Secretary, DMK.

• Gandhi Christodas, retired IAS officer from TN.

• Gavane Vijay, BJP leader in Marathwada. He was a leader of youth wing of the Peasants and Workers’ Party (PWP) during 1980s.

• Ghuge Gajanan, Shiv Sena MLA for two consecutive terms (from 1999 to 2009) from Hingoli in Marathwada. Belongs to one of the OBC communities.

• Gopanna, former General Secretary, Tamil Nadu State Congress (I).

• Gullerwar Gulab, President, Vidarbha Nabhik Yuva Mancha, Nagapur, Maharashtra.

• Gunjal Laxman, a significant local intellectual in Beed, Marathwada. Writes about issues concerning OBCs.

• Joshi Pratima, a very senior journalist and intellectual in Maharashtra.

• Kadu Jaimini, important ideologue of the BAMCEF, Maharashtra.

• Kanhere Kishor, President Vidarbha Samata Parishad in Maharashtra.

• Kennedy, Faculty in the Department of Politics and Public Administration, Madras University, Chennai.

• Khan Nasiruddin, a senior journalist in Lucknow. He writes a lot on Muslim women’s movement and issues.

• Kokare Sanjay, Founder President, OBC Samaj Party, Maharashtra.

• Krishna Ram, retired IAS, UP. He was in the Congress (I) when he was interviewed.

• Kudale Krishnakant, OBC Sangharsha Sanghatana, and Samata Parishad, Pune, Maharashtra.

• Kulkarni Arpita, completed her M. Phil dissertation on Agaris in Thane District.
• Kulkarni Mukundrao, State Office Secretary, BJP, Maharashtra.

• Kumar Pankaj, member, UP Public Service Commission, also a faculty in Department of Political Science, Allahabad University, Allahabad.

• Lakshmanan, Faculty in the Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai.

• Mandale Kaka, very senior leader of Maharashtra Navanirman Sena in Kalyan which is near Thane district. He was with Shiv Sena for many years.

• Mannivannan, Faculty in the Department of Politics and Public Administration, Madras University, Chennai.

• Maurya Swami Prasad, state cabinet minister and President of the UP state BSP when interviewed.

• Mundhe Dnyanoba Bhai, Secretary, OBC Sangharsha Samiti, Aurangabad, Maharashtra.

• Naganathan, Vice-Chairman, State Planning Commission, TN.

• Narayan Dhruv, a BJP leader in UP.

• Naseem S. M., former Director General of Police (Vigilance Department) in UP. He has retired from the service.

• Nigam Dayanath, former President of Lucknow District BSP organisation.

• Patel Shiv Shankar Singh, former minister in UP. He belongs to the BJP.

• Patel Sonelal, Founder President, Apna Dal, UP.

• Patil K. D., a very senior leader of the Agari community in Maharashtra.

• Phulbandhe Prabhakar, Nabhik Samaj Sanghatan, Nagpur, Maharashtra.

• Ponniyan, AIADMK leader.

• Prasad G. K., Head, Department of Politics and Public Administration, Madras University, Chennai.

• Prasad Lakshman, retired IPS, UP.

• Puniya P. L., retired dalit IAS officer. He was considered to be very close to Mulayam Singh Yadav and later to Mayawati. However, at present he is
important leader in Congress (I) and a Chairperson of the National Commission for the Scheduled Caste.

- Radhakrishnan P., Faculty in the Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai.
- Rajan Varada W. R., State Committee Member, TN, CPI(M).
- Ramachandran Banduri, at present a very important leader of the DMDK. Formerly he was in DMK and AIADMK.
- Ramadoss M., PMK MP from Paduchcheri.
- Ranjeeb, Special Correspondent, Hindustan, Lucknow.
- Raut Bandu, a member of Nagpur Municipal Corporation, Maharashtra, also a member of the BJP. Comes from the Barbar community.
- Sahu Ram Narayan, President, Backward Classes Cell, SP.
- Salunke Satish, a prolific Marathi writer based in Beed, Marathwada. He has written several dramas.
- Savita Ram Prasad, State Secretary of UP, SP.
- Sharma S. D., a BJP leader in UP.
- Singh Omprakash, state President of the BJP in UP.
- Singh Vibhuti Narayan, former State Secretary, BJP, UP.
- Suryavanshi Rajaram, Mumbai, OBC Seva Sangha in Maharashtra.
- Thakur Hira, MLC in UP. He belongs to the BSP.
- Thakur Rekha, senior leader and ideologue of the BRP-BMS in Maharashtra.
- Upare Hanmantrao, founder member of BMS. Based in Beed, Marathwada.
- Vadivel Ravan, Ideologue, PMK, TN.
- Verma Beni Prasad, formerly very important leader of the SP in UP. Presently in the Congress (I) and is a cabinet minister in the Central government.
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• Wagh, Madhavrao, senior activist and ideologue in OBC movement in Maharashtra.

• Waghmare Madhukar, President, Teli Samaj Sanghatana in Maharashtra.

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