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Now, a quota in graves too!

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BANGALORE: After school and college, there's one more quota — and the last — to deal with. Reservation of graves.

This grave matter came up for discussion in the council on Wednesday. Rural development minister Shobha Karandlaje spoke about it in reply to the debate on rural development.

Announcing an ambitious plan to identify 5,000 burial grounds across the state, she said: "A portion of the burial grounds will be reserved for SC/ST!"

There was an uproar as members said there should be no discrimination on caste lines at least here, but Shobha had a different take. Increasing encroachments, too, added to the space crunch.

Opposition leader Ugrappa agreed, saying quota is needed as caste discrimination still prevails in Hindu burial grounds.

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