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While in urban settings caste biases are institutionalized observances, in rural areas, people are benefited to those who’re otherwise socially disadvantaged. For example, a study by Dipankar Gupta shows that caste is the biggest barrier for Dalits in the job market. One suggestion, he says, is to provide for reservations in urban areas as well — for theScheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (SC/ST) community. This percentage has been increased across the board to 49.5%.

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