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NCBC Advice No. 7-13 / Jharkhand / 2014

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Dear Shri Bhargava,

I am attaching the duly authenticated Advices of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC), under Section 9 (1) of NCBC Act, 1993, regarding the following castes / communities:

1. Bagti (inclusion),
2. Bagchi (rejection),
3. Late (inclusion),
4. Kunai (inclusion),
5. Pushpanamit (inclusion),
6. Jhora (inclusion), and
7. Laxmi Narayan Gola

for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9 (2) of NCBC Act.

With Regards.

Encl: Advices.

Yours sincerely,

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Shri S. Bhargava

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Hon'ble Justice V. Eswaraiah, Chairperson

Hon'ble Dr. Shakeel uz-Zaman Ansari, Member

Hon'ble Shri S. K. Kharventhan, Member

Case: Request for Inclusion of 'Kunai' caste / community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Jharkhand.

I. Request

The NCBC received letter dated 03-11-2008 from the Jharkhand State Government requesting for inclusion of 'Kunai' caste/community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Jharkhand. Thereafter the NCBC vide its D.O. letter dated 7th September, 2010 sought the Advice of the State Backward Class Commission, survey report/study report/detailed information on this caste and registered the case. The required information was received from the State Government vide its letter dated 18-1-2011. Since the Advice of the State Backward Classes Commission was in Hindi the same was translated into English by the NCBC and fixed the date for the public hearing on 18th December, 2013.

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A Public Notice was issued in the local Newspapers on 1-12-2013, 15-12-2013 and 18-12-2013 to examine the request of the State Government for inclusion of the caste/ community 'Kunai' in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Jharkhand.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

2. The Commission consisting of Justice V. Eswaraiah, Hon'ble Chairperson, Dr. Shakeel uz-Zaman Ansari, Hon'ble Member and Shri S. K. Kharventhan, Hon'ble Member held a public hearing at Ranchi on 18th December, 2013 for inclusion of caste/community 'Kunai' in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Jharkhand.

3. At the time of public hearing, on behalf of the State Government of Jharkhand, the following Officers were present:

1. Shri S.K.Satpathy, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Personnel Administration Reforms and Rajabasha.
2. Shri Pramod Kumar Tiwari, Deputy Secretary, Personnel Administration, Reforms and Rajabasha.
3. Shri Diwakar Prasad Singh, Under Secretary, Personnel Administration Reforms and Rajabasha.
4. Shri Yogender Dubey, Under Secretary, Personnel Administration Reforms and Rajabasha.

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III. FACTS

4. This case arises from the request received in the NCBC from the Jharkhand State Government vide its letter dated 03-11-2008 for inclusion of the caste/community 'KUNAI' in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Jharkhand, Ranchi.

5. The caste 'KUNAI' was notified as a Most Backward Class at Annexure I, Sl.No.110 in the Jharkhand State List of Backward Classes based on the report of Jharkhand Tribal Welfare Research Institute. In fact the caste 'Konai' is included in the West Bengal Scheduled Castes List at Sl. No.36.

6. Though wide publication has been issued in the local newspapers, no member of the community was present to support the inclusion of 'Kunai' caste/community in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Jharkhand. No one also appeared to object to the inclusion of this community in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Jharkhand.

7. However, we have perused the report of the Jharkhand Tribal Welfare Research Institute, Ranchi. As per the report, the caste people are residing in different villages of border areas adjacent to Jharkhand and West Bengal. Till few years ago, this caste got very low level of

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status in the society. The caste KUNAI was treated as an untouchable caste during the early times. There is no eating – drinking or wedding relationship with Gwala, Brahman, Rajput, Santhal, Bairagi, Muslim, Ghosh (Gwala) but they have eating-drinking relationship with remaining castes – Kora, Chamar, Late, Kumhar, Pahadia, Dom, Mall, Lohaar, Kurmi and Pushpanamit and they have good relationship with these castes. Living standard of this caste is lower than the general. Mud and earthen tile's houses are available for residence with them. They use drinking water from the Government's tube well and wells situated at different places in the village. Bangla language in the form of mother tongue is being used by the people of this caste and Hindi language is being used very less. There is lack of awareness about the education in the adults because instead of sending to school they get household work done from the children so that economic condition of the house is supported with the income received through them. Only two persons of this caste are employed in Government services.

8. In the Ethnographic Account, People of India – All Communities at page Nos. 719-725, it is stated that Konais are referred to as Chasi Konai meaning cultivator Konai. The People of India – West Bengal Vol. XXXXII describes 'Konai' and 'Kunui' community. The majority of

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them, however, are not cultivators, but work as agricultural labourers. Their present concentration is in the Murshidabad District. They belong to the Scheduled Caste community in West Bengal. The 'Konai' use either 'Konai' or 'Mondal' as their surname. In terms of caste hierarchy, they consider themselves as a low caste, but rank themselves above the 'Muchi' and the 'Dom'. The 'Konais' are predominantly a landless class of agricultural labourers.

IV. FINDINGS

9. We have gone through the report of the Jharkhand Tribal Welfare Research Institute, Ranchi, based on which the State Government has included the caste/community 'KUNAI' in the State Backward Classes List. We have also gone through the People of India – All Communities in respect of 'Konai and Kunui' community. In view of the fact that the community/caste, which was treated as untouchable during the early times, the Commission is of the view that they are socially and educationally backward and their economic status is also very poor and therefore deserves to be included in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Jharkhand.

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V. ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION

10. The Commission in view of the above findings has decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act for necessary action under Section 9(2) of the NCBC Act:-

"The caste/community 'Kunai' be included at Entry No.131 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Jharkhand as follows:

"131. Kunai"


(Justice V.Eswaraiah)

Chairperson


(Dr.Shakeel-Uz-Zaman Ansari)

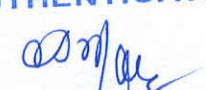
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