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DO NCBC Advice No.18 Orissa/98

22. 09. 1998

Dear Shri Manavalan,

I am sending herewith the Advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993 for Inclusion of 'Gaudipatara' caste/sub-caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa, duly authenticated, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act.

2. With this, Advices on 365 castes, sub-castes, synonyms etc. have been tendered to the Government by the Commission, after its reconstitution in 1997, of which 362 are still pending with the Government for Notification.

Yours sincerely

(P.S. KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated.

Shri D.K. Manavalan,
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Shastri Bhavan
NEW DELHI

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Orissa Bench

FINDINGS

Case: Request for inclusion of Gaudiapatara caste/subcaste/Community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa.

Per Prof. U.P.Singh, member

I. Request

This case arises from the Requests received in this commission from Shri Jagabandhu Katual and Shri Ramendra Pratap Swain, M.L.A. at/P.O. Nuapatha Via-Tigiria, Distt-cuttack, Orissa for inclusion of Gaudiapatara as a sub-caste of Patara caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa.

II Public Hearing

2. A Three-Member Orissa bench of the Commission consisting of Hon'ble

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Members, Shri U.P. Singh, Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai and Shri Navtej Puadhi held a Public Hearing in respect of this caste/community at Bhubaneswar on 14-5-98. The State Government was represented by Shri R.B.Nayak, Director OBC, Department of Welfare, and Shri M.R. Mishra, Member-Secretary, represented the State Commission for OBCs. The caste/community was represented by Shri Jagabandhu Katual.

III Facts.

3. The relevant entries in different lists are as below:

Mandal List

"179 Patro"

State List

The list of socially and educationally Backward classes notified by the orissa government on 10th september, 1993 included only Patara as:

"149 Patara"

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On advice of the Orissa state Commission for Backward Classes , the State Govt. vide Resolution No. 34905-O.B.C.- 30/94-W. dated 30-11-94 included 'Asini Patara, Aswini Patara and Ashini Patara against Sl. No. 149. And again vide Resolution No 18222 dated 29-7-96 included Gaudiapatara with patara at sl. No. 149 of the State list. The ammended entry reads as:

"149. Patara, Asini Patara, Aswini Patar, Ashini Patara, Goudia patara"

Central List

"178 patara/Patra

4. Shri Ramendra Pratap Swain, M.L.A. has provided information and data in the NCBC's questionnaire. The relevant information is as below:

- (i) The community Gaudiapatara is a sub-caste of patara.
- (ii) The estimated population of the community in 1993 was 4500 which is concentrated in Tigira and Baramba Tahsils of cuttack district and also in khurdha Tehsil of khurdha district.
- (iii) The people of the community are mainly engaged in weaving of Tassar, silk and cotton saris of handloom products.

Occupation -wise distribution of population is as below:

(a) Farmers owning land

1 %

(b) Artisans (weaving)	87 %
(c) Agricultural labourers	6 %
(d) Industrial Workers	0.5 %
(e) Businessmen	0.5 %
(f) Casual labourers	5 %

(iv) Estimated percentage distribution of the literates among the caste/community is as under:-

(a) Primary standard	7 %
(b) Middle standard	3 %
(c) Matric standard	2 %
(d) Intermediate standard	1 %
(e) Graduation standard	0.22 %
(f) Postgraduation standard	0.044 %
(g) Technical and Industrial diploma	0.22 %

(v) The percentage of the members of the caste/community employed in Govt. services is as below:

(a) Gazetted – class II	0.176 %
(b) Non – gazetted	0.154 %
(c) Class IV	0.022 %

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Besides State Govt. Services, percentage of members of the caste/community in services of the State Govt. undertakings/local bodies is as below:

(a) Officers	0.66 %
(b) Clerical Staff	0.44 %

- (vi) The representation of caste /commountiy in legislative Assemby, Zilla parisads, Municipality is nil.
- (vii) The people of this community are mainly residing in kachcha houses and the average annual income of the families of this community is Rs. 5,000/-.

5. No ethnographic literature available about this caste/sub-caste/community. However, the applicants have given the Historical background in general & occupational account in particular of the caste/community as below:

"This community Gaudiapatara' are a group of patara (weavers) Caste, characterised by their production of Tassar Silk and cotton fabrics specially khandua, Nabarangi, Amlanabastra and other dress materials.

Old legends say that this community people were brought from 'Gaudia' State of the old bengal of the Nadia-Nabdeep area by the then Gajapati Maharaja of Puri, for production of Amlanbastra for worshipping of Lord Jagannath. This community specially residing in the Tehsil of Tigiria, Baramba of the cuttack district and khurdha Tehsil of khurdha district. As the community migrated from the old 'Gaudia' State they have been named as 'Gaudiapatara' now".

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6. At the Public Hearing the representative of the caste/community stated that the main caste is Patara a sub-group or caste of the Patara is known as Gaudiapatara. Though the caste 'Patara' is already in the Central List of backward Classes, the members of the Gaudiapatara sub-caste are not getting certificates. It is further stated by the representatives that the Gaudia Patara has been included as a synonym of 'Patara' caste in the State List of socially and economically Backward Classes. The representative of the caste/community also stated that the members of this community are engaged in weaving and agricultural labour. The community is also educationally backward, as the literacy rate of the community is approximately 7 percent compared to the State average i.e. 49.09 percent (Census 1991). Economically the members of the community are very poor. Those who were present at the time of Public Hearing, belonging to different castes/communities also supported the claim of this caste besides nobody opposed their inclusion in the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of Orissa.

IV Findings

7. Based on the above material and evidence the Bench found that Gaudiapatara is a sub-caste of Patara whose traditional occupation is weaving. The Bench decided to include the sub-caste in the Central List 'Goudiapatara' as adumbrated in the state list and not as Gaudiapatara as requested by the representatives in order to maintain similarity and to avoid any difficulties faced by the persons belonging to this community in getting the certificate. Therefore it is the findings of the bench that 'Goudiapatara' should be included along with Patra in the central list of Backward Classes for orissa at entry No. 178 so that the ammended entry will now read as:

"178. Patara Patra, Goudiapatara"

As one of the Members of the Bench , Shri navtej Puadhi unfortunately passed away on 16-8-1998, subsequent to the Public Hearing., the Findings are signed only by two members, but the Findings represent the conclusion jointly arrived at by all three Members.

U.P. Singh
16.9.98
(U.P. Singh)

Akshaya
16.09.98
(Sahu Akshaya Bhai)

EXHIBITICATED

S. K. Kishor

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V Advice of the commission

8. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the above Findings of the Orissa bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993 for action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act:--

Goudia Patara be included in the central list of Backward Classes for Orissa at entry No 178 so that the amended entry reads as:

" 178. Patara/patra, Goudiapatara"

On account of the unfortunate demise of one of the Members Shri Navte Puadhi on 16.08.98, this unanimous Advice of the commission does not bear the signature of that Member. The validity of the Advice notwithstanding the vacancy caused by the demise of the aforesaid Member, is protected by section 7 of the NCBC Act, 1993.

Navte Puadhi
16.9.98

Ashwini
16.09.98

See signature
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P. S. Krishnan
21.9.98

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