NCBC Advice No. 33 Kar/96

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Karnataka Bench

Findings

Case: Request for inclusion of "Kerebandiyavaru" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of "Uppara"

I. Request

This case arises from the Request of the Karnataka State Uppara Sangha, Bangalore for the inclusion, inter alia, of "Kerebandiyavaru" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of their caste "Uppara".

II. Public Hearings

2. The two-Member Karnataka Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S. Krishnan and Dr. R.Prasannan held a Public Hearing at Bangalore on 20.9.95 to examine this Request.

3. At the Public Hearing the Sangha was reprsented by its General Secretary Shri M. Hanumaiah and other members. The State Government was represented by Shri N.C.Muniappa, Director, Backward Classes and Minorities Deptt., Shri Krishna Gowda, Joint-Director and other officers of the Backward Classes and Minorities Department.

III. Facts

4. The Karnataka State list of Backward classes is divided into a number of groups which underwent modifications from time to time. In the list that existed at the time of the preparation of the Central List on the principle of commonality, there were 5 groups, viz., Group A, Group B, Group C, Group D and Group E. In the latest list which was issued on 17.9.1994 there are again 5 groups renamed as

Categories, viz., Category I, Category II(A), Category II(B), Category III(A) and Category III(B). "Uppara" is in Group B of the former list and in Category 1 in the latest list.

5. This particular synonym/sub-caste was not included in the State list as it existed at the time of the preparation of the first phase Central List in 1993 (issued with State Government's GO No SWL 66 BCA 86 dated 13.10.1986) at entry no. 108 or entry nos. 71, 84 and 111. It is also not one of the synonyms/sub-castes of "Uppara" enumerated in the Mandal List at entry no. 314 or entry nos. 188, 228 and 329. For the same reason, it is not in the first phase Central List at entry no. 146 or entry nos. 115, 126 and 149.

6. "Kerebandiyavaru" has also not been included as a synonym/sub-caste of "Uppara" in the latest State List issued with GO Ms No. SWD 150 BCA 94 dated 17.9.1994 at entry no.47 of Category I.

7. The name "Kerebandiyavaru" is attested to by H.V. Nanjundayya in his The Ethnographical Survey of Mysore, Section XXI (Bangalore, 1910). While enumerating some of the synonyms/sub-castes of "Uppara", he writes that "Mole Upparas are mostly Telugu speaking people except those in the Mysore and other purely Kannada districts. They are so called because they still adhere to their original occupation, making earth-salt. They are also called Kerebandiyavaru and keep herds of he-buffaloes which they employ to carry earth for repairing tank bunds....". "Kerebandiyavaru" is also attested to by anthropologist L.K. Ananthakrishna Iyer (The Mysore Castes and Tribes, Vol IV, Mittal Publications, Delhi, Reprint 1988). According to him 'Kerebendiyavaru' is a name given to the "Uppara" caste on account of their being entrusted with the task of attending to repairs of tanks, for which they generally hold some inam lands.

8. The representatives of the Sangha told the Bench that

"Kerebandiyavaru" is a synonym/sub-caste of "Uppara" and should therefore be shown in the Central List under "Uppara". There was no objection to the proposed inclusion of this synonym/sub-caste in the Central List during the Public Hearing, nor was any objection received by the Commission. The State Government representatives supported the Request.

IV. Findings

9. From the above evidence, it is the Finding of the Bench that the "Kerebandiyavaru" is a synonym/sub-caste of "Uppara" caste and this should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of "Uppara" caste in addition to the existing synonyms/sub-castes at entry no. 146, so that the amended entry will read as follows:-

"146. Uppara

.....

.....

Kerebandiyavaru

.....

....."

re-arranging in the alphabetical order the synonyms/sub-castes under "Uppara".

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(P.S. KRISHNAN)

V. Advice of the Commission

10. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the Findings of the Karnataka Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government in terms of Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993:-

"Kerebandiyavaru" be included in the Central List of

Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of Uppara caste in addition to the existing synonyms at entry no. 146, so that the amended entry will read as follows:-

"146. Uppara

.....

.....

Kerebandiyavaru

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re-arranging in the alphabetical order the synonyms/sub-castes under "Uppara".

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Karnataka Bench

Findings

Case: Request for inclusion of "Savitha" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda"

I. Request

This case arises from the Request of the Karnataka State Savitha Samaja, Bangalore for the inclusion, inter alia, of "Savitha" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of their caste "Nayinda", this synonym/sub-caste having been included in the State List but not in the first phase Central List.

II. Public Hearings

2. The two-Member Karnataka Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S. Krishnan and Dr. R.Prasannan held a Public Hearing at Bangalore on 20.9.95 to examine this Request in continuation of the Public Hearing held at Bangalore on 3.11.1994.

3. At the Public Hearing the Samaja was represented by its Secretary Shri V. Rajagopal and other members. The State Government was represented by Shri N.C.Muniappa, Director, Backward Classes and Minorities Deptt., Shri Krishna Gowda, Joint Director and other officers of the Backward Classes and Minorities Department.

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4. At the end of the Public Hearing on 20.9.95, the Bench requested the State Government officials to send the Questionnaire duly filled up. This was received on 8.1.96.

III. Facts

5. The Karnataka State list of Backward classes is divided

into a number of groups which underwent modifications from time to time. In the list that existed at the time of the preparation of the Central List on the principle of commonality, there were 5 groups, viz., Group A, Group B, Group C, Group D and Group E. In the latest list which was issued on 17.9.1994 there are again 5 groups renamed as Categories, viz., Category I, Category II(A), Category II(B), Category III(A) and Category III(B). "Nayinda" is in Group D of the former list and in Category II(A) in the latest list.

6. This particular synonym/sub-caste was not included in the State list as it existed at the time of the preparation of the first phase Central List in 1993 (issued with State Government's GO No SWL 66 BCA 86 dated 13.10.1986) at entry no. 9 of Group D. This synonym was also not included as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" in the Mandal List at entry no. 218. It is also not included at entry no. 165 in the first phase Central List which was prepared on the basis of the principle of commonality in 1993, as it did not find place in the State list then in force, or in the Mandal List.

7. "Savitha" was listed among the synonyms of "Nayinda" in the list issued with GO No. SWD-75 BCA 92 dated 20.4.1994 based on the Karnataka Third Backward Classes (Chinnappa Reddy) Commission's Report at (u) of entry no. 8 in Category-II, as follows:-

Category-II

(More Backward)

S.No.	Name of the Caste
"8.	(a) Nayinda
	.....
	(u) Savitha
	....."

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This entry was repeated at entry no. 6 of Category-II(A) in the latest State List issued with GO No. SWD 150 BCA 94 dated 17.9.1994.

8. "Savitha" was also included in the list furnished with the Karnataka Second Backward Classes Commission's report in 1986, as follows:- (Venkata Swamy)

Group-A

S.No.	Religion & the Main Caste Group	Synonyms, Sub-Castes and related Caste-groups
"11.	Nayinda	1. Nayinda ..... 8. Savitha ....."

9. The representatives of the Samaja told the Bench that "Savitha" is a synonym of "Nayinda". They seem to have adopted this as a more dignified name as well as a common name for the different sub-castes under "Nayinda" many of which are names pertaining to different language speakers with same traditional occupation of hair-dressing service. There was no objection to the proposed inclusion of this synonym in the Central List during the Public Hearing, nor was any objection received by the Commission. The State Government representatives supported the Request.

10. The Questionnaire filled by the State Government describes them as a sub-caste of "Nayinda" though it will be more correct to call it a synonym.

IV. Findings

11. From the above evidence, it is the Finding of the Bench that "Savitha" is a synonym of "Nayinda" caste and this should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym of "Nayinda" caste in addition to the existing synonyms/sub-castes at entry no. 165, so that

the amended entry will read as follows:-

"165. Nayinda

.....

.....

Savitha

....."

re-arranging in the alphabetical order the synonyms/sub-castes under "Nayinda".

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R. PRASANNAN)

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(P.S. KRISHNAN)

3. Advice of the Commission

2. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the findings of the Karnataka Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government in terms of Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993:-

"Savitha" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym of "Nayinda" caste in addition to the existing synonyms at entry no. 165, so that the amended entry will read as follows:-

"165. Nayinda

.....

.....

Savitha

.....",

re-arranging in the alphabetical order the synonyms/sub-castes under "Nayinda".

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Karnataka Bench

Findings

Case: Request for inclusion of "Bandari" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda"

I. Request

This case arises from the Request of the Karnataka State Savitha Samaja, Bangalore for the inclusion, inter alia, of "Bandari" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of their caste "Nayinda", this synonym/sub-caste having been included in the State List but not in the first phase Central List.

II. Public Hearings

2. The two-Member Karnataka Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S. Krishnan and Dr. R.Prasannan held a Public Hearing at Bangalore on 20.9.95 to examine this Request.

3. At the Public Hearing the Samaja was represented by its Secretary Shri V. Rajagopal and other members. The State Government was represented by Shri N.C.Muniappa, Director, Backward Classes and Minorities Deptt., Shri Krishna Gowda, Joint-Director and other officers of the Backward Classes and Minorities Department.

III. Facts

4. The Karnataka State list of Backward classes is divided into a number of groups which underwent modifications from time to time. In the list that existed at the time of the preparation of the Central List on the principle of commonality, there were 5 groups, viz., Group A, Group B, Group C, Group D and Group E. In the latest list which was

issued on 17.9.1994 there are again 5 groups renamed as Categories, viz., Category-I, Category II(A), Category II(B), Category III(A) and Category III(B). "Nayinda" is in Group D of the former list and in Category-II(A) in the latest list.

5. The State list as it existed at the time of the preparation of the first phase Central List in 1993 (issued with State Government's GO No SWL 66 BCA 86 dated 13.10.1986) contains the entry "Bhandari" at entry no. 9(n) of Group D, as follows:-

"GROUP D"

"9. (a) Nayinda
.....
.....
(n) Bhandari"

"Bhandari" was also included as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" in the Mandal List at entry no. 218. It is also included in the first phase Central List as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" at entry no. 165.

6. "Bandari" which is same as "Bhandari" with only a spelling variation is not included in any of the above lists. But it has been included among the synonyms/sub-castes of "Nayinda" in the list issued with GO No. SWD 75 BCA 92 dated 20.4.1994 based on the Karnataka Third Backward Classes (Chinnappa Reddy) Commission's Report at (d) of entry no. 8 in Category-II, as follows:-

Category-II
(More Backward)

S.No.	Name of the Caste
"8.	(a) Nayinda
	.....
	(d) Bandari(including the Lingayat Sub-Group)
	....."

The spelling or phonetic variant "Bhandari" has not been

entered in this list.

7. The entry was repeated at entry no. 6(d) of Category-II(A) in the latest State List issued with GO No. SWD 150 BCA 94 dated 17.9.1994, with the only change of omission of the bracketed portion "(including the Lingayat Sub-Group)"

8. "Bandari" is also included in the list issued with GO No. GAD 32 ORR dated 19.7.1959, as below:-

"11. i).....
.....
iii)Nayinda, Bandari,.....
....."

9. During the Public Hearing, the representatives of the Samaja told the Bench that their caste "Nayinda or Savitha" has many synonyms and "Bandari or Bhandari" is one of them. There was no objection to the proposed inclusion of this synonym in the Central List during the Public Hearing, nor was any objection received by the Commission. The State Government representatives supported the Request.

IV. Findings

10. From the above evidence, it is the Finding of the Bench that "Bandari" is same as "Bhandari", being only a spelling or phonetic variat, and the latter has already been included in the Central List, and is a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" caste and this should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka along with "Bhandari" as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" caste in addition to the existing synonyms/sub-castes at entry no. 165, so that the amended entry will read as follows:-

"165. Nayinda
.....
.....
Bandari/Bhandari
....."

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P. S. KRISHNAN
Member Secretary
National Commission
for Backward Classes

re-arranging in the alphabetical order the synonyms/sub-castes under "Nayinda".

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(R. PRASANNAN)

(P.S. KRISHNAN)

V. Advice of the Commission

11. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the Findings of the Karnataka Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government in terms of Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993:-

"Bandari" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka along with "Bhandari" as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" caste in addition to the existing synonyms/sub-castes at entry no. 165, so that the amended entry will read as follows:-

"165.	Nayinda .... Bandari/Bhandari ....."	

re-arranging in the alphabetical order the synonyms/sub-castes under "Nayinda".

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Karnataka Bench

Findings:

Case: Request for inclusion of "Bajanthri/Bhajanthri" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda"

I. Request

This case arises from the Request of the Karnataka State Savitha Samaja, Bangalore for the inclusion, inter alia, of "Bajanthri/Bhajanthri" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of their caste "Nayinda", one of these two spelling variants, viz., "Bajanthri" having been included as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" in the State List.

II. Public Hearings

2. The two-Member Karnataka Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S. Krishnan and Dr. R.Prasannan held a Public Hearing at Bangalore on 20.9.95 to examine this Request.

3. At the Public Hearing the Samaja was represented by its Secretary Shri V. Rajagopal and other members. The State Government was represented by Shri N.C.Muniappa, Director, Backward Classes and Minorities Deptt., Shri Krishna Gowda, Joint-Director and other officers of the Backward Classes and Minorities Department.

III. Facts

4. The Karnataka State list of Backward classes is divided into a number of groups which underwent modifications from time to time. In the list that existed at the time of the preparation of the Central List on the principle of commonality, there were 5 groups, viz., Group A, Group B,

Group C, Group D and Group E. In the latest list which was issued on 17.9.1994 there are again 5 groups renamed as categories, viz., Category I, Category II(A), Category II(B), Category III(A) and Category III(B). "Nayinda" is in Group D of the former list and in Category II(A) in the latest list.

5. "Bajanthri/Bhajanthri" was not included as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" caste in the State list as it existed at the time of the preparation of the first phase Central List in 1993 (issued with State Government's GO No SWL 66 BCA 86 dated 13.10.1986) at entry no. 9 of Group D. It was also not included as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" in the Mandal List at entry no. 218. For this reason, it is also not included at entry no. 165 in the first phase Central List which was prepared on the basis of the principle of commonality in 1993.

6. This particular synonym has been included among the synonyms/sub-castes of "Nayinda" in the list issued with GO No. SWD 75 BCA 92 dated 20.4.1994 based on the Karnataka Third Backward Classes (Chinnappa Reddy) Commission's Report at (c) of entry no. 8 in Category-II, as follows:-

Category-II
(More Backward)

S.No.	Name of the Caste
"8.	(a) Nayinda
	.....
	(c) Bajanthri(including the Lingayat Sub-Group)
	....."

This was repeated at entry no. 6(c) of Category-II(A) in the latest State List issued with GO Ms No. SWD 150 BCA 94 dated 17.9.1994, with the omission of bracketed portion "(Including the Lingayat Sub-Group)", as follows:-

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S.No.	Name of the Caste
"6.	(a) Nayinda ..... (c) Bajanthri ....."

7. Both "Bajanthri" and "Bhajanthri" have been entered in the list furnished with the Karnataka Second Backward Classes (Venkataswamy) Commission's report, 1986, as follows:-

Group-A

S.No.	Religion & the Main Caste Group	Synonyms, Sub-Castes and related Caste-groups
"11.	Nayinda	1. Nayinda ..... 11. Bhajanthri/Bajanthri ....."

8. During the Public Hearing, the representatives of the Samaja told the Bench that their caste "Nayinda or Savitha" has many synonyms and "Bajanthri/Bhajanthri" is one of them, whose caste is identified with the traditional occupation of hair-cutting and playing of musical instruments, mainly "Nagaswaram."

9. The name "Bhajantri" is attested to by anthropologist L.K. Ananthakrishna Iyer (The Mysore Tribes and Castes, Vol-4, Mittal Publications, Delhi, , reprint 1988). According to him, a Nayinda is also known by his profession as Kshaurika (Sansk. one who shaves), Kelasi (Kan. one doing the work, i.e., of shaving), and Bhajantri, or Melagara (musician).

10. Edgar Thurston and Rangachari in their Castes and Tribes of Southern India (Asian Educational Service, Delhi, Madras, 1993, first published 1909) describes "Bajantri" as "synonym of Mangala" and quote Stuart in the Madras Census Report to

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say that "Mangalas are also called Bajantri (in reference to their being musicians)". "Mangala" is already in the Central List for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda". say that they are professional musicians.

11. There was no objection to the proposed inclusion of this synonym in the Central List during the Public Hearing, nor was any objection received by the Commission. The State Government representatives supported the Request.

12. In the Questionnaires which the State Government represetnatives were, at the Public Hearing on 20.9.1995, requested to send duly filled up and which were sent and received on 8.1.96, the State Government while enumerating some of the sub-castes/sub-communities/synonyms of "Nayinda" in the Questionnaire on "Savitha" has specifically mentioned "Bajanthri".

IV. Findings

13. From the above evidence, it is the Finding of the Bench that "Bajanthri or Bhajanthri" is a synonym of "Nayinda" caste and this should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym of "Nayinda" caste in addition to the existing synonyms/sub-castes at entry no. 165, so that the amended entry will read as follows:-

"165. Nayinda
.....
.....
Bajanthri/Bhajanthri
....."

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R. PRASANNAN
Secretary
Backward Classes Commission

re-arranging in the alphabetical order the synonyms/sub-castes under "Nayinda".

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(P.S. KRISHNAN)

V. Advice of the Commission

14. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the Findings of the Karnataka Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government in terms of Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993:-

"Bajanthri/Bhajanthri" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym of "Nayinda" caste in addition to the existing synonyms/sub-castes at entry no. 165, so that the amended entry will read as follows:-

"165. Nayinda
.....
.....
.....
Bajanthri/Bhajanthri
.....",

re-arranging in the alphabetical order the synonyms/sub-castes under "Nayinda".

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Karnataka Bench

Findings

Case: Reuqest for inclusion of "Mahale" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda"

I. Request

This case arises from the Request of the Karnataka State Savitha Samaja, Bangalore for the inclusion, inter alia, of "Mahale" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of their caste "Nayinda", this synonym/sub-caste having been included in the State List but not in the first phase Central List.

II. Public Hearings

2. The two-Member Karnataka Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S.Krishnan and Dr. R.Prasannan held a Public Hearing at Bangalore on 20.09.95 to examine this Request.

3. At the Public Hearing the Samaja was represented by its Secretary Shri V.Rajagopal and other members. The State Government was represented by Shri N.C.Muniappa, Director, Backward Classes and Minorities Deptt., Shri Krishna Gowda, Joint Director and other officers of the Backward Classes and Minorities Deptt.

III. Facts

The Karnataka State list of Backward Classes is divided into a number of groups which underwent modifications from time to time. In the list that existed at the time of the preparation of the Central List on the principle of commonality, there were 5 groups, viz., Group A, Group B, Group C, Group D and Group E. In the latest list which was issued on 17.09.1994 there are again 5 groups renamed as Categories, viz., Category I, Category II (A), Category II (B), Category III (A) and Category III(B). "Nayinda" is in Group D of the

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mer list a[illegible] in Category II (A) in the latest list.

5. This particular synonym of "Nayinda" caste is not included in the State List as it existed at the time of the preparation of the first phase Central List in 1993 (issued with State Government's GO No SWL 66 BCA 86 dated 13.10.1986) at entry no. 9 of Group D. It is also not included in the Mandal List as a synonym of "Nayinda" at entry no. 218. For this reason it is also not included at entry no. 165 in the first phase Central List, which was prepared on the basis of the principle of commonality in 1993, at entry no. 165.

6. "Mahale" is included in the list issued with GO No. SWD 75 BCA 92 dated 20.04.1994 based on the Karnataka Third Backward Classes (Chinnappa Reddy) Commission's Report at [illegible] entry no. 8 in Category-II, as follows:-

Category-II

More Backward)

S.No.	Name of the Caste
8.	(a) Nayinda
	.....
	(l) Mahale
	....."

his entry was repeated at entry no. 6(l) of Category-II(A) in the latest State List issued with GO No. SWD 150 BCA 94 dated 17.9.1994.

"Mahale" was also included in the list furnished with the Karnataka Second Backward [illegible] (Venkataswamy) Commission's report, 1986, as follows:-

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National Commission
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Group-A		
S.No.	Religion & the Main Caste	Synonyms, Sub-Castes and related Caste-groups
"11.	Nayinda	1. Nayinda ..... 10. Mahale (North Kanara) ....."

8. During the Public Hearing, the representatives of the Samaja told the Bench that their caste "Nayinda or Savitha" has many synonyms/sub-castes and "Mahale" is one of them. They also stated that this particular synonym/sub-caste is confined to North Karnataka Districts. Edgar Thurston and Rangachari attest to this fact when they say that, "The Barbers of South Canara are of different castes or sub-castes according to the language they speak, or the people for whom they operate. Thus there are (1) the Tulu Kelsi ..... or Bhandari; (2) the Konkani Kelsi or Mhallo, who must have migrated from the north; ..... (Castes and Tribes of Southern India, Asian Educational Service, Delhi, Madras, 1993, first published 1909). R.E. Enthoven in his "The Tribes and Castes of Bombay" (Asian Educational Services, New Delhi, Madras, 1990, first published 1922) under the head Nhavis refers to this caste as Mhali and say that the latter is one among the many names of the former.

9. There was no objection to the proposed inclusion of this synonym/sub-caste in the Central List during the Public Hearing, nor was any objection received by the Commission. The State Government representatives supported the Request.

IV. Findings

10. From the above evidence it is the Finding of the Bench that "Mahale" is a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" caste and this should be included in the Central List of

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Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" in addition to the existing synonyms/sub-castes at entry no. 165, so that the amended entry will read as follows:-

"165. Nayinda

.....

.....

Mahale

.....

.....",

Re-arranging in the alphabetical order the synonyms/sub-castes under "Nayinda"

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V. Advice of the Commission

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11. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the Findings of the Karnataka Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government in terms of the Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993:-

"Mahale" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" in addition to the existing synonyms/sub-castes at entry

no. 165, so that the amended entry will read as follows:-

"165. Nayinda

.....

.....

Mahale

.....

.....",

re-arranging in the alphabetical order the synonyms/sub-castes under "Nayinda".

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Karnataka Bench

Findings

Case: Request for inclusion of "Hadapada" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda"

I. Request

This case arises from the Request of the Karnataka State Savitha Samaja, Bangalore for the inclusion, inter alia, of "Hadapada" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of their caste "Nayinda", this synonym/sub-caste having been included in the State List, but not in the first phase Central List. A similar request has also been received from the District Hadapad Apanna Samaj Seva Sangha, Bijapur.

II. Public Hearings

2. The two-Member Karnataka Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S. Krishnan and Dr. R.Prasannan held a Public Hearing at Bangalore on 20.9.95 to examine this Request.

3. At the Public Hearing the Samaja was represented by its Secretary Shri V. Rajagopal and other members. The State Government was represented by Shri N.C.Munjappa, Director, Backward Classes and Minorities Deptt., Shri Krishna Gowda, Joint Director and other officers of the Backward Classes and Minorities Department.

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III. Facts

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4. The Karnataka State list of Backward classes is divided into a number of groups which underwent modifications from time to time. In the list that existed at the time of the

preparation of the Central List on the principle of commonality, there were 5 groups, viz., Group A, Group B, Group C, Group D and Group E. In the latest list which was issued on 17.9.1994 there are again 5 groups renamed as Categories, viz., Category I, Category II(A), Category II(B), Category III(A) and Category III(B). "Nayinda" is in Group D of the former list and in Category II(A) in the latest list.

5. "Hadapada" was not included as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" caste in the State list as it existed at the time of the preparation of the first phase Central List in 1993 (issued with State Government's GO No SWL 66 BCA 86 dated 13.10.1986) at entry no. 9 of Group D. It was also not included as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" in the Mandal List at entry no. 218. For this reason, it is also not included at entry no.165 in the first phase Central List which was prepared on the basis of the principle of commonality in 1993.

6. This particular synonym has been included among the synonyms/sub-castes of "Nayinda" in the list issued with GO No. SWD 75 BCA 92 dated 20.4.1994 based on the Karnataka Third Backward Classes (Chinnappa Reddy) Commission's Report at (f) of entry no. 8 in Category-II, as follows:-

Category-II
(More Backward)

S.No.	Name of the Caste
"8.	(a) Nayinda
	.....
	(f) Hadapada(including the Lingayat Sub-Group)
	....."

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This was repeated at entry no. 6(f) of Category II(A) in the latest State List issued with GO Ms No. SWD 150 BCA 94 dated 17.9.1994, with the omission of the bracketed portion "Including the Lingayat Sub-Group)".

7. Edgar Thurston and Rangachari (Castes and Tribes of

Southern India, Asian Educational Services, 1993, first published 1909, Vol. III) refer to this community as "Hadapavada". According to them, "the barbers of South Canara are of different castes or sub-castes according to the language they speak, or the people for whom they operate. Thus there are (1) the Tulu Kelsi (Kutchidaye, man of the hair)..... (4) the Lingayat Kelsi or Hadapavada (man of the wallet);....."

8. During the Public Hearing, the representatives of the Samaja told the Bench that their caste "Nayinda or Savitha" has many synonyms and "Hadapada" is one of them. There was no objection to the proposed inclusion of this synonym/sub-caste in the Central List during the Public Hearing, nor was any objection received by the Commission. The State Government representatives supported the Request.

9. In the NCBC's Questionnaires which the State Government's representatives were, at the Public Hearing on 20.9.1995, requested to send duly filled up and which were sent and received on 8.1.96, the State Government while enumerating some of the sub-castes/sub-communities/synonyms of "Nayinda" in the Questionnaire on "Savitha" has specifically mentioned "Hadapad".

IV. Findings

9. From the above evidence, it is the Finding of the Bench that "Hadapada" is a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" caste and this should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym of "Nayinda" caste in addition to the existing synonyms/sub-castes at entry no. 165, so that the amended entry will read as follows:-

"165. Nayinda
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Hadapada
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re-arranging in the alphabetical order the synonyms/sub-

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castes under "Nayinda".

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V. Advice of the Commission

10. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the Findings of the Karnataka Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government in terms of Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993:-

"Hadapada" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" caste in addition to the existing synonyms at entry no. 165, so that the amended entry will read as follows:-

"165. Nayinda
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.....
Hadapada
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....."

re-arranging in the alphabetical order the synonyms/sub-castes under "Nayinda".

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Karnataka Bench

Findings

Case: Request for inclusion of "Melagara" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda"

I. Request

This case arises from the Request of the Karnataka State Savitha Samaja, Bangalore for the inclusion, inter alia, of "Melagara" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of their caste "Nayinda", this synonym/sub-caste having been included in the State List, but not in the first phase Central List.

II. Public Hearings

2. The two-Member Karnataka Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S. Krishnan and Dr. R.Prasannan held a Public Hearing at Bangalore on 20.9.95 to examine this Request.

3. At the Public Hearing the Samaja was represented by its Secretary Shri V. Rajagopal and other members. The State Government was represented by Shri N.C.Muniappa, Director, Backward Classes and Minorities Deptt., Shri Krishna Gowda, Joint-Director and other officers of the Backward Classes and Minorities Department.

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III. Facts

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4. The Karnataka State list of Backward classes is divided into a number of groups which underwent modifications from time to time. In the list that existed at the time of the preparation of the Central List on the principle of commonality, there were 5 groups, viz., Group A, Group B,

roup C, Group D and Group E. In the latest list which was issued on 17.9.1994 there are again 5 groups renamed as Categories, viz., Category I, Category II(A), Category II(B), Category III(A) and Category III(B). "Nayinda' is in Group D f the former list and in Category II(A) in the latest list.

5. "Melagara" was not included as a synonym/sub-caste of Nayinda" caste in the State list as it existed at the time f the preparation of the first phase Central List in 1993 (issued with State Government's GO No SWL 66 BCA 86 dated 13.10.1986) at entry no. 9 of Group D. It was also not ncluded as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" in the Mandal ist at entry no. 218. For this reason, it is also not included at entry no. 165 in the first phase Central List which was prepared on the basis of the principle of ommonality in 1993.

6. This particular synonym has been included amohg the synonyms/sub-castes of "Nayinda" in the list issued with GO o. SWD 75 BCA 92 dated 20.4.1994 based on the Karnataka Hird Backward Classes (Chinnappa Reddy) Commission's Report at (n) of entry no. 8 in Category-II, as follows:-

Category-II

(More Backward)

S.No.	Name of the Caste
"8.	(a) Nayinda
	.....
	(n) Melagara
	....."

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his was repeated at entry no. 6(n) of Category II(A) in the atest State List issued with GO No. SWD 150 BCA 94 dated 7.9.1994.

. L.K. Ananthakrishna Iyer (The Mysore Castes and Tribes, ol-4, Mittal Publications, Delhi, Reprint 1988) attests to he name "Melagara" as a synonym of "Nayinda". According to im, a Nayinda is also known by his profession as Kshaurika

(Sansk. one who shaves), Kelasi (Kan. one doing the work, i.e., of shaving), and Bhajantri, or Melagara (Musician).

8. During the Public Hearing, the representatives of the Samaja told the Bench that their caste "Nayinda or Savitha" has many synonyms and "Melagara" is one of them. There was no objection to the proposed inclusion of this synonym/sub-caste in the Central List during the Public Hearing, nor was any objection received by the Commission. The State Government representatives supported the Request.

IV. Findings

9. From the above evidence, it is the Finding of the Bench that "Melagara" is a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" caste and this should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym of "Nayinda" caste in addition to the existing synonyms/sub-castes at entry no. 165, so that the amended entry will read as follows:-

"165. Nayinda
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Melagara
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....."

re-arranging in the alphabetical order the synonyms/sub-castes under "Nayinda".

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V. Advice of the Commission

14. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the Findings of the Karnataka Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government in terms of Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993:-

"Melagara" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka as a synonym/sub-caste of "Nayinda" caste in addition to the existing synonyms at entry no. 165, so that the amended entry will read as follows:-

"165. Nayinda
.....
.....
Melagara
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re-arranging in the alphabetical order the synonyms/sub-castes under "Nayinda".

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Karnataka Bench

Findings

Case: Request for inclusion of "Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka

I. Request

This case arises from the Request of Sree Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya Seva Sangha, Bangalore for the inclusion, inter alia, of "Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka, this caste/community having been included in the State List but not in the first phase Central List. There was also a similar request from the Karnataka State Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya Samaj, Hubli.

II. Public Hearings

2. The two-Member Karnataka Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S. Krishnan and Dr. R.Prasannan held a Public Hearing at Bangalore on 20.9.95 to examine this Request in continuation of the Public Hearing held at Bangalore on 3.11.1994.

3. At the Public Hearing the community was represented by Shri Beganagaram, Member, Managing Committee, Karnataka State Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya Samaj, Hubli and other members of the community. The State Government was represented by Shri N.C.Muniappa, Director, Backward Classes and Minorities Deptt., Shri Krishna Gowda, Joint-Director and other officers of the Backward Classes and Minorities Department.

4. At the end of the Public Hearing on 20.9.95, the Bench requested the State Government officials to send the Questionnaire duly filled up. This was received on 8.1.96.

III. Facts

5. The Karnataka State list of Backward classes is divided into a number of groups which underwent modifications from time to time. In the list that existed at the time of the preparation of the Central List on the principle of commonality, there were 5 groups, viz., Group A, Group B, Group C, Group D and Group E. In the latest list which was issued on 17.9.1994 there are again 5 groups renamed as Categories, viz., Category I, Category II(A), Category II(B), Category III(A) and Category III(B). In the former list (issued with the State Government's GO No. SWL 66 BCA 86 dated 13.10.1986) this caste/community has been included at entry no. 6(a) of Group D, as follows:-

Group 'D'

"6.(a) Somavamsha Kshatriya
.....
....."

while the latter list (issued with GO No.SWD 150 BCA 94 dated 17.9.1994) contains the entry "Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya" at entry no. 43(a) under Category I, as follows:-

Category-I

S.No.	Name of the Caste
"43	(a) Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya ...."

6. Mandal List for Karnataka does not contain the entry Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya" or "Somavamsha Kshatriya".

The first phase Central List for Karnataka which was prepared on the basis of the principle of commonality in 1993 does not contain either "Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya" or Somavamsha Kshatriya".

This caste/community was included in the list issued with GO No. SWD 75 BCA 92 dated 20.4.1994 based on the

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Karnataka Third Backward Classes (Chinnappa Reddy) Commission's Report at (a) of entry no. 43 in Category I, as follows:-

Category-I
(Most Backward)

S.No. Name of the Caste

"43. (a) Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya
.....
....."

This entry was repeated in the latest State List issued with GO No. SWD 150 BCA 94, dated 17.9.1994.

9. At the Public Hearing the representatives of the community said that their community is spread all over the State and is addressed by different names such as "Sarige", "Jingar", "Badagi", "Chitragar", "Thanbata or Tambat", "Chittari or Chitara", "Digwan" etc. Their original occupation was saddle-making with different sections/sub-castes contributing different parts of the saddle. In the past there was heavy demand for their products, but in modern times the demand has fallen sharply or even disappeared and members of this caste/community are engaged in different occupations like agricultural-labour, painting, carpentry etc.

10. The name "Arya Somavamsha Kshatriya" is attested to by the anthropologist L.K. Ananthakrishna Iyer in his "Mysore Tribes and Castes",Vol. IV (Mittal Publications, Delhi, Reprint 1988). Under the head "Jingar" he says that Jingars call themselves Arya Somavamsha Kshatriyas. According to him, the traditional occupation of the caste is saddle-making; formerly, manufacture of native saddlery did not contain leather, but was made with cloth, felt, cotton rope, metal work, embellished with embroidery and ornamental metal bosses, involving the knowledge of different handicrafts. He infers that this caste or group of castes/sub-castes had

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great importance in the days when the annual equipment of large military forces led to an extensive demand for saddlery, but in the modern times most of them have given it up and now follow a variety of callings such as casting metals, carving stones, painting, making toys, and figures of clay and cloth, carving wood and repairing boxes, padlocks and watches, making life-like imitations of fruits and figures of men and animals. Ananthakrishna Iyer also mentions that the use of leather in saddlery in later times seems to have caused some deterioration in their social status and members of this caste or group of castes/sub-castes suffered some social degradation. Under the heads "Jinigar" and "Chitrakara or Chitrakaro", Thurston and Rangachari (Castes and Tribes of Southern India, Vol II, Asian Educational Services, New Delhi, Madras, 1993, first published in 1909) attest to the claim of Chitrakaras to be of "Suryavamsam", or of the lunar race of Kshatriyas --- what is mentioned here as "Suryavamsam" is obviously an error for Somavamsam ---, the account of the occupations referred to under these heads makes it clear that they are referring to the group of castes/suc-castes/communities which have collectively adopted the name "Somavamsha Arya Kshatirya". This is also attested to by R.E. Enthoven(The Tribes and Castes of Bombay, Vol II, Asian Educational Services, New Delhi, Madras, 1990, first published 1922) when under the head "Jingars" he writes that "the caste prefers to style itself Arya Somvanshi Kshatriya, or Aryan Kshatriyas of the Moon division."

11. The Questionnaire received from the State Government states that Soma Vamsha Arya Kshatriyas are found in Tumkur, Bellary, Belgaum, Mysore, Shimoga and Bangalore districts and that they are artists, painters and horse-saddle makers. The questionnaire also states that Chitragara, Jeenagara, Nalaband, Degatben, Najaband, Tambat and Chittara are the sub-castes/sub-communities/synonyms of "Soma Vamsha Arya Kshatriya".

12. There was no objection to the proposed inclusion of this caste/community in the Central List during the Public Hearing, nor was any objection received by the Commission.

The State Government representatives supported the Request.

IV. Findings

13. From the above evidence, it is the Finding of the Bench that "Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya" is a common name adopted by a group of castes/communities/sub-castes/sub-communities some of which, viz., "Jingar", "Badagi", "Chitara", "Digwan", have already been included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka, and who are associated with the occupations of painting, horse-shoe making, carpentry etc. and this should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka at entry no. 170, as follows:-

"170. Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya
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....."

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V. Advice of the Commission

14. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the Findings of the Karnataka Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government in terms of Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993:-

"Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka at entry no. 170, as follows:-

"170. Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya
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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Karnataka Bench

Findings

Case: Request for inclusion of "Tambat" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka

I. Request

This case arises from the Request of the Sree Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya Seva Sangha, Bangalore for the inclusion, inter alia, of "Tambat" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka, this caste/community having been included in the State List but not in the first phase Central List. There was also a similar request from the Karnataka State Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya Samaj, Hubli.

II. Public Hearings

2. The two-Member Karnataka Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S. Krishnan and Dr. R. Thyagarajan held a Public Hearing at Bangalore on 20.9.95 to examine this Request in continuation of the Public Hearing held at Bangalore on 3.11.1994.

3. At the Public Hearing the community was represented by Shri Beganagaram, Member, Managing Committee, Karnataka State Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya Samaj, Hubli and other members of the community. The State Government was represented by Shri N.C.Muniappa, Director, Backward Classes and Minorities Deptt., Shri Krishna Gowda, Joint-Director and other officers of the Backward Classes and Minorities Department.

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4. At the end of the Public Hearing on 20.9.95, the Bench requested the State Government officials to send the Questionnaire duly filled up. This was received on 8.1.96.

III. Facts

5. The Karnataka State list of Backward classes is divided into a number of groups which underwent modifications from time to time. In the list that existed at the time of the preparation of the Central List on the principle of commonality, there were 5 groups, viz., Group A, Group B, Group C, Group D and Group E. In the latest list which was issued on 17.9.1994 there are again 5 groups renamed as Categories, viz., Category I, Category II(A), Category II(B), Category III(A) and Category III(B). In the former list (issued with the State Government's GO No. SWL 66 BCA 86 dated 13.10.1986) this caste/community has been included at entry no. 6(e) of Group D, as follows:-

Group 'D'

"6.(a) Somavamsha Kshatriya

.....

(e) Tambat

....."

while in the latest State List (issued with GO No.SWD 150 BCA 94 dated 17.9.1994) "Tambat" has been included at entry no. 43(h) under Category I, as follows:-

Category-I

S.No.	Name of the Caste
"43	(a) Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya
	.....
	.....
	(h) Tambat"

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Mandal Commission
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6. This caste/sub-caste/community was not included in the Mandal List for Karnataka. For this reason, it has also not been included in the first phase Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka, which was prepared on the basis of the principle of commonality in 1993.

7. This caste/sub-caste/community was included in the list issued with GO No. SWD 75 BCA 92 dated 20.4.1994 based on the Karnataka Third Backward Classes (Chinnappa Reddy) Commission's Report at (h) of entry no. 43 in Category I as follows:-

Category-I

(Most Backward)

S.No.	Name of the Caste
"43.	(a) Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya
	.....
	.....
	(h) Tambat"

This was repeated in the latest State List issued with (i) No. SWD 150 BCA 94 dated 17.9.1994.

8. It was also included in the list furnished with the report of the Mysore Backward Classes(Nagan Gowda) Committee, 1960, as follows:-

A. Backward

S.No.	Caste
"46	Tambat(Tambatgar)"

"Tambatagar" has been included in the list issued with (ii) No. GAD 32 ORR dated 19.7.1959, as below:-

"14. .....
.....
Tambatagar
....."

along with a large number of numerous communities which together were eligible for a sub-percen

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reservation.

9. At the Public Hearing the representatives of the community said that the members of the community call themselves as "Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya", this name being the common name adopted by a group of castes/sub-castes/communities which apart from "Tambat" include "Sarige", "Jingar", "Badagi", "Chitragar", "Chittari or Chitara", "Nalabund", "Digwan" etc. The original occupation of this caste or group of castes/sub-castes was saddle-making with different sections/sub-castes contributing different parts of the saddle. In the past, there was heavy demand for their products and services but in modern times the demand has fallen sharply or even disappeared and members of this caste or group of castes/sub-castes are engaged in different occupations like agricultural labour, painting, carpentry etc.

10. The Questionnaire received from the State Government describes this community as a sub-caste of "Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya" and give painting and horse-saddle making as their main occupation. The name "Arya Somavamsha Kshatriya" is attested to by the anthropologist L.K. Ananthakrishna Iyer (The Mysore Tribes and Castes, Vol-3, Mittal Publications, Reprint 1988). According to him, the traditional occupation of the caste is saddle-making; formerly, manufacture of native saddlery did not include leather, but was made with cloth, felt, cotton rope, metal work, embellished with embroidery and ornamental metal bosses, involving a knowledge of different handicrafts. While alluding to the great importance that the saddle-making castes/sub-castes/communities had had in the days when the annual equipment of large military forces led an extensive demand for saddlery, he also observes that the introduction of leather in saddlery has caused some deterioration in their social status. He further says that in the modern times most of them have given up their original occupation and that they now folow a variety of callings such as casting metals,

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carving stones, painting, making toys, and figures of clay and cloth, carving wood and repairing boxes, padlocks and watches, making life-like imitations of fruits and figures of men and animals.

11. R.E. Enthoven (The Tribes and Castes of Bombay, Vol. III, Asian Educational Services, New Delhi, Madras, 1990, first published 1922) has attested to the name "Tambat'. According to him "Tambats" are Coppersmiths.

12. There was no objection to the proposed inclusion of this caste/sub-caste/community in the Central List during the Public Hearing, nor was any objection received by the Commission. The State Government representatives supported the Request.

IV. Findings

13. From the above evidence, it is the Finding of the Bench that "Tambat" is a synonym/sub-caste of "Somavamsha Arya Kshatirya", which is a common name adopted by a group of castes/communities/sub-castes/sub-communities -- including the the "Tambat" --- who are associated with the occupations of painting, horse-shoe making, carpentry etc. and this should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka at entry no. 170, as follows:-

"170. Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya"

.....

Tambat

....."

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V. Advice of the Commission

14. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the

Findings of the Karnataka Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government in terms of Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993:-

"Tambat" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka at entry no. 170, as follows:-

"170. Somavammha Arya Kshatriya"

.....

Tambat

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Member Secretary
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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Karnataka Bench

Findings

Case: Request for inclusion of "Nalabund" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka

I. Request

This case arises from the Request of the Sree Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya Seva Sangha, Bangalore for the inclusion, inter alia, of "Nalabund" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka, this caste/community having been included in the State List but not in the first phase Central List. There was also a similar request from the Karnataka State Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya Samaj, Hubli.

II. Public Hearing

2. The two-Member Karnataka Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S.Krishnan and Dr. R. Prasannan held a Public Hearing at Bangalore on 20.9.95 to examine this Request in continuation of the Public Hearing held at Bangalore on 3.11.94.

3. At the Public Hearing the community was represented by Shri Beganagaram, Member, Managing Committee, Karnataka State Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya Samaj, Hubli and other members of the community. The State Government was represented by Shri N.C. Muninappa, Director, Backward Classses and Minorities Deptt., Shri Krishna Gowda, Joint-Director and other officers of the Backward Classes and Minorities Department.

4. At the end of the Public Hearing on 20.9.95, the Bench requested the State Government officials to send the Questionnaire duly filled up. This was received on 8.1.96.

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III. Facts

5. The Karnataka State list of Backward Classses is divided into a number of groups which underwent modifications from time to time. In the list that existed at the time of the preparation of the Central List on the principle of commonality, there was 5 groups, viz., Group A, Group B, Group C, Group D and Group E. In the latest list which was issued on 17.9.1994 there are again 5 groups renamed as Categories, viz., Category I, Category II(A), Category II(B), Category III(A) and Category III(B). In the former list (issued with the State Government's GO No. SWL 66 BCA 86 dated 13.10.1986) this caste/community has been included at entry no. 6(d) of Group D, as follows:-

Group 'D'

"6. (a) Somavamsha Kshatriya
.....
(d) Nalabund
....."

while in the latest State List (issued with GO No. SWD 150 BCA 94 dated 17.9.1994) "Nalabund" has been included at entry no. 43(g) under Category I, as follows:-

Category-I

S.No.	Name of the Caste
"43	(a) Somavamsa Arya Kshatriya ..... (g) Nalabund ....."

6. This caste/sub-caste/community was not included in the Mandal List for Karnataka. For this reason, it has also not been included in the first phase Cenrtral List of Backward Classes for Karnataka, which was prepared on the basis of the principle of commonality in 1993.

7. This caste/sub-caste/community was included in the list issued with GO No. SWD BCA 92 dated 20.4.1995 based on the Karnataka Third Backward Classes (Chinnappa Reddy) Commission's

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Report at (g) of entry no. 43 in Category I, as follows:-

Category I

(Most Backward)

S.No.	Name of the Caste
"43.	(a) Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya
	.....
	(g) Nalabund
	....."

This was repeated in the latest State List issued with GO No. SWD 150 BCA 94 dated 17.9.1994.

8. At the Public Hearing the representatives of the community said that the members of the community call themselves as "Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya", this name being the common name adopted by a group of castes/sub-castes/communities which apart from "Nalabund" include "Sarige", "Jingar" "Badagi', "Chitragar" "Chittari or Chitara", "Tambat', "Digwan" etc. The original occupation of this caste or group of castes/sub-castes was saddle-making with different sections/sub-castes contributing different parts of the saddle. In the past, there was heavy demand for their products and services but in modern times the demand has fallen sharply or even disappeared and members of this caste or group of castes/sub-castes are engaged in different occupations like agricultural labour, painting, carpentry etc.

9. The Questionnaire received from the State Government describes this community as a sub-caste of "Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya" and give horse shoe fixing as their main occupation. The name "Arya Somavamsha Kshatriya" is attested to by the anthropologist L.K. Anannthakrishna Iyer (The Mysore Tribes and Castes, Vol-3, Mittal Publications, Reprint 1988). According to him the traditional occupation of the caste is saddle-making; formerly, manufacture of native saddlery did not include leather, but was made with cloth, felt, cotton rope, metal work, embellished with embrodiery and ornamental metal bosses, involving a knowledge of different handicrafts. While alluding to the great importance that the saddle-making castes/sub-

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castes/communities had had in the days when the annual equipment of large military forces led to an extensive demand for saddlery, he also observes that the introduction of leather in saddlery has caused some deterioration in their scoial status. He further says that in the modern times most of them have given up their original occuapation and that they now follow a variety of callings such as casting metals, carving stones, painting, making toys, and figures of clay and cloth, carving wood and repairing boxes, padlocks and watches, making life-like imitations of fruits and figures of men and animals.

10. According to R.E. Enthovan (The Tribes and Castes of Bombay, Asian Educational Services, New Delhi, Madras, 1990, first published 1922) "Nalbands, or Farriers, are found in small numbers all over Gujarat, the Deccan and Karnatak.... They make their living as farriers, messengers and servants. They shoe horses and bullocks...."

11. There was no objection to the proposed inclusion of this caste/sub-caste/community in the Central List during the Public Hearing, nor was any objection received by the Commission. The State Government representatives supported the Request.

IV. Findings

12. From the above evidence, it is the Finding of the Bench that "Nalabund" is a synonym/sub-caste of "Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya", which is a common name adopted by a group of castes/communities/sub-castes/sub-communities -- including the

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"Nalabund" -- who are associated with the occupations of painting, horse-shoe making, carpentry etc. and this should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka at entry no. 170, as follows:-

"170. Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya
.....
Nalabund
....."

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(Dr. R.PRASANNAN)

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(P.S. KRISHNAN)

V. Advice of the Commission

13. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the Findings of the Karnataka Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Governement in terms of Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993:-

"Nalabund" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka at entry no. 170, as folows:-

"170. Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya
.....
Nalabund
....."

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(P.S.KRISHNAN)

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(Dr.DINESH SINGH YADAV)

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Karnataka Bench

Findings

Case: Request for inclusion of "Chitragar" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka.

I. Request

This case arises from the Request of the Sree Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya Seva Sangha, Bangalore for the inclusion, inter alia, of "Chitragar" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka, this caste/community having been included in the State List but not in the first phase Central List. There was also a similar request from the Karnataka State Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya Samaj, Hubli.

II. Public Hearings

2. The two-Member Karnataka Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S. Krishnan and Dr. R.Prasannan held a Public Hearing at Bangalore on 20.9.95 to examine this Request in continuation of the Public Hearing held at Bangalore on 3.11.1994.

3. At the Public Hearing the community was represented by Shri Beganagaram, Member, Managing Committee, Karnataka State Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya Samaj, Hubli and other members of the community. The State Government was represented by Shri N.C.Muniappa, Director, Backward Classes and Minorities Deptt., Shri Krishna Gowda, Joint-Director and other officers of the Backward Classes and Minorities Department.

4. At the end of the Public Hearing on 20.9.95, the Bench requested the State Government officials to send the questionnaire duly filled up. This was received on 8.1.96.

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III. Facts

5. The Karnataka State list of Backward classes is divided into a number of groups which underwent modifications from time to time. In the list that existed at the time of the preparation of the Central List on the principle of commonality, there were 5 groups, viz., Group A, Group B, Group C, Group D and Group E. In the latest list which was issued on 17.9.1994 there are again 5 groups renamed as Categories, viz., Category I, Category II(A), Category II(B), Category III(A) and Category III(B). In the former list (issued with the State Government's GO No. SWL 66 BCA 86 dated 13.10.1986) this caste/community has been included at entry no. 6(b) of Group D as a sub-caste/synonym of "Somavamsha Kshatriya", as follows:-

Group 'D'

"6.(a) Somavamsha Kshatriya
(e) Chitragara
....."

while in the latest State List (issued with GO No.SWD 150 BCA 94 dated 17.9.1994) this caste/community has been included as a sub-caste/synonym of "Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya" at entry no. 43(c) under Category I, as follows:-

Category-I

S.No.	Name of the Caste
"43	(a) Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya
	.....
	(c) Chitragar
	.....
	....."

6. This caste/sub-caste/community was also included in the Mandal List for Karnataka, as follows:-

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"68. Chitra, Chitrakar"

7. This caste/sub-caste/community has not been included in the first phase Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka, which was prepared on the basis of the principle of commonality in 1993, apparently because the State List which was in force at that time showed this caste/sub-caste/community as a sub-caste/synonym of "Somavamsha Kshatriya" whereas the Mandal List did not contain "Somavamsha Kshatriya" and included "Chitrakar" along with "Chitra" as a separate entry.

8. This caste/sub-caste/community was included in the list issued with GO No. SWD 75 BCA 92 dated 20.4.1994 based on the Karnataka Third Backward Classes (Chinnappa Reddy) Commission's Report at (c) of entry no. 43 in Category I, as follows:-

Category-I

(Most Backward)

S.No.	Name of the Caste
"43.	(a) Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya
	.....
	(c) Chitragar
	.....
	....."

This was repeated in the latest State List issued with GO No. SWD 150 BCA 94 dated 17.9.1994.

9. "Chitragar" was also included in the list furnished with the report of the Mysore Backward Classes(Nagan Gowda) Committee, 1960, as follows:-

A. Backward

S.No.	Caste
"9	Chitragar"

10. At the Public Hearing the representatives of the community said that the members of the community call themselves as "Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya", this name being the common name adopted by a group of castes/sub-castes/communities which apart from "Chitragar" include "Sarige", "Jingar", "Badagi", "Tambat or Tanbata", "Chittari or Chitara", "Digwan" etc. The original occupation of this caste or groups of castes/sub-castes was saddle-making with different sections/sub-castes contributing different parts of the saddle. In the past, there was heavy demand for their products and services but in modern times the demand has fallen sharply or even disappeared and members of this caste or group of castes/sub-castes are engaged in different occupations like painting, carpentry, agricultural labour etc.

11. The Questionnaire received from the State Government describes this community as a sub-caste of "Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya" and gives painting, decoration and digging of tanks as their main occupation.

12. This caste/community/sub-caste has been attested to by Anthropologist L.K.Ananthakrishna Iyer (The Mysore Tribes and Castes, Vol-3, Mittal Publications, Delhi, reprint 1988). Under the head "Jingar" he writes that "In Mysore, the caste is divided into two endogamous groups, namely, Chitragaru and Are Jingars". According to him, the traditional occupation of the caste is saddle-making; formerly, manufacture of native saddlery did not contain leather, but was made with cloth, felt, cotton rope, metal work, embellished with embroidery and ornamental metal bosses, involving the knowledge of different handicrafts. He infers that this caste or group of castes/sub-castes had great importance in the days when the annual equipment of large military forces led to an extensive demand for saddlery, but in the modern times most of them have given it up and now follow a variety of callings such as casting metals, carving stones, painting, making toys, and figures of clay and cloth, carving wood and repairing boxes,

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pad locks and watches, making life-like imitations of fruits and figures of men and animals. Ananthakrishna Iyer also mentions that the use of leather in saddlery in later times seems to have caused some deterioration in their social status and members of this caste or group of castes/sub-castes suffered some social degradation. Quoting Mysore Census Report, 1891, Thurston and Rangachari (Castes and Tribes of Southern India, Vol II, Asian Educational Services, New Delhi, Madras, 1993, first published in 1909) write that the Chitragaras are painters, decorators and gilders, and make trunks, palanquins, lacquer toys and wooden images for temples, cars, etc. They attest to the claim of Chitrakaras to be of "Suryavamsam", or of the lunar race of Kshatriyas -- what is mentioned here as "Suryavamsam" is obviously an error for "Somavamsam".

13. There was no objection to the proposed inclusion of this caste/sub-caste/community in the Central List during the Public Hearing, nor was any objection received by the Commission. The State Government representatives supported the Request.

IV. Findings

14. From the above evidence, it is the Finding of the Bench that "Chitragar" is a synonym/sub-caste of "Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya", which is a common name adopted by a group of castes/communities/sub-castes/sub-communities -- including the "Chitragar" -- who are associated with the occupations of painting, horse-shoe making, carpentry etc. and this should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka at entry no. 170, as follows:-

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"170. Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya"

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Chitragar

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V. Advice of the Commission

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(P.S. KRISHNAN)

15. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the Findings of the Karnataka Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government in terms of Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993:-

"Chitragar" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Karnataka at entry no. 170, as follows:-

"170. Somavamsha Arya Kshatriya"

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