

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Hon'ble Justice M. N. Rao, Chairperson

Hon'ble Shri S. K. Kharventhan, Member

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

Case: Request for Inclusion of "KANIHAR" as synonym of LAKHERA, MANIHAR caste / community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

I. Request:

1. The Social Welfare Department of the Union Territory of Chandigarh has requested the NCBC to treat the community KANIHAR as synonym of LAKHERA, MANIHAR in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

2. The Commission consisting of Justice M. N. Rao, Hon'ble Chairperson, Shri S. K. Kharventhan, Hon'ble Member, and Dr. Shakeel-uz-Zaman Ansari, Hon'ble Member, held a Public Hearing at Chandigarh to consider the request of the State Government for inclusion of "KANIHAR" as synonym of LAKHERA, MANIHAR caste / community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the Union Territory of Chandigarh on 12th March, 2013. The State Government was represented by Ms. Purna Puri,

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Additional Secretary, Personnel Department, Shri Vinod P. Kark, A.D.C. Chandigarh, Ms. Tanvi Garg, I.A.S., SDM (East), Chandigarh, Ms. Amandeep Kaur, SDM (S), Chandigarh, Shri Rajesh Jogpal, Director, Social Welfare Department, Shri Upkar Singh DPI (S), Chandigarh, Ms. Suman Khanna, Sr. Asst. O/O SDM (East); and Shri Bikram Singh Rana, SLO UT of Chandigarh

III Findings

3. At the time of public hearing held at Chandigarh on 12th March, 2013, no member of the community was present to support the request of the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

4. The relevant entry at Sl.No.46 in the UT List of Backward Classes reads:

LAKHERA, KANIHAR/MANIHAR

The request of the UT of Chandigarh now to the NCBC is to treat the community KANIHAR as synonym of LAKHERA, MANIHAR. In the Central List of OBCs for the UT of Chandigarh at Entry No.39, the communities described are:

LAKHERA, MANIHAR

5. In the Notification dated 6th October, 1979 issued by the Chandigarh Administration at Sl.No.49, the following communities were included:

LAKHERA, KANIHAR.

In the Notification dated 27th June, 1995, at Sl.No.46, the UT of Chandigarh notified the following communities in the UT List of Backward Classes:

LAKHERA, KANIHAR/MANIHAR.

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Since the UT of Chandigarh has treated KANIHAR community as synonym of LAKHERA, MANIHAR for a long time, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, it is difficult for us to come to a different conclusion. In the circumstances, we recommend that the community KANIHAR be treated as synonym of LAKHERA, MANIHAR and be added in the Central List of OBCs for the UT of Chandigarh at Entry No.39.

IV. ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION

6. 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 **"KANIHAR"** as synonym of **LAKHERA, MANIHAR** be included at Entry No. 39 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the Union Territory of Chandigarh as follows:

"39. Lakhera, Manihar, **Kanihar**"

(Justice M. N. Rao)

Chairperson

(S. K. Kharventhan)

Member

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