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DO NCBC Advice No. 13 Uttar Pradesh/97

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Dear Shri Baksi,

I am sending herewith the Advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section (1) of the National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993 for Inclusion of "Gole Thakur" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh and for rejection of the Request for Inclusion of "Visthapit Rajput" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

(P.S. KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated

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NEW DELHI

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

UTTAR PRADESH BENCH

FINDINGS

PER SHRI SAHU AKSHAYA BHAI, HON'BLE MEMBER

Case : Requests for inclusion of "Chauhan, Visthapit Rajput (Lonia, Nonia), Nonere, Gole Thakur and Khagi Chauhan" as synonyms of 'Lonia, Luniya' in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh.

I. Request

These cases arise from the Requests received in this Commission from Shri Ram Adhar Singh, President, Akhil Bhartiya Visthapit Rajput Mahasabha, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh and Shri Lakshmi Narayan Chauhan, General Secretary, Akhil Bhartiya Chauhan Mahasabha, Balia, Uttar Pradesh for inclusion of "Chauhan, Visthapit Rajput (Lonia, Nonia), Nonere, Gole Thakur, Khagi Chauhan" as synonyms of the existing entry no. 50. 'Lonia, Luniya' in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh.

II. Public Hearing

2. The Single Member Bench of the Commission for Uttar Pradesh consisting of Hon'ble Member, Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai held a Public Hearing in respect of this caste/community on 7.10.1997. At the Public Hearing held on 7.10.1997, the State Govt. was represented by Shri K.P. Singh, Secretary, Shri H.S. Yadav, Special Secretary and Shri Javed Eshatesham, Under Secretary all from the Backward Welfare Department, Lucknow. The community was represented by Shri Lakshmi Narayan Chauhan, General Secretary, Akhil Bhartiya Chauhan Mahasabha, Balia, Uttar Pradesh and Shri Ram Adhar Singh,

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Karturhanagar, Sigla, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.

3. During the Public Hearing representative of the Akhil Bhartiya Chauhan Mahasabha, Balia pressed for inclusion of only "Gole Thakur" and "Khagi Chauhan". As regard other castes/communities they did not press for their inclusion.

III Facts

The relevant entries reflected in the Mandal, State and Central List in respect of the Synonyms/castes/communities are as follows :

(i) Mandal List

"82. Luniya, Lonia"

(ii) State List

"51. Lonia, Noniya, Gole Thakur, Lonia-Chauhan"

(iii) Central List

"50. Lonia, Luniya"

4. As is seen from the above, the Loniya, Luniya castes/communities were included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh on the basis of principle of commonality i.e. entry common to both the Mandal List and the State List that existed at the time of preparation of the first phase Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh. "Noniya, Gole Thakur, Lonia-Chauhan" interalia have been included with "Lonion" in the State List issued by the Uttar Pradesh Public Services (Reservation for Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes) Act, 1994 vide Notification No. B-456/KA-2-1995 dated 6.9.1995 as amendment to earlier Notification dated 23.3.1994:

"Lonia, Noniya, Gole Thakur, Lonia-Chauhan"

5. Shri Laxmi Narayan Chauhan, General Secretary, Akhil Bhartiya Chauhan Mahasabha, Balia, U.P. submitted in his request for inclusion of "Gole Thakur" as synonym of "Lonia, Luniya" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh that "Gole Thakur" caste/community is mostly found in Agra, Aligarh and Mathura Divisions of Uttar Pradesh and is a sub-caste of "Lonia, Noniya". This caste/community is being called by different nomenclature due to variation of places and they have marriage relations with each other. There is no officer from the caste/community as I.A.S., I.P.S., P.C.S. or on higher post of the State Administration. Child Marriage, widow marriage and endogamous marriages are prevalent in the caste/community. The people of the caste/community are illiterate, landless and are working as labourers to eke out a living for their families. The social, educational and economic level of the caste/community is very low and higher caste people look down upon them.

6. The information filled-up in the NCBC's Questionnaire by Shri Laxmi Narayan Chauhan states that "Gole Thakur" caste/community is one of the sub-castes of 'Lonia' and are known as 'Chauhan'. The information supplied in the Questionnaire pertains to Lonia, Noniya, Chauhan and Khagi Chauhan including Gole Thakur castes/communities. The caste/community is generally regarded as socially backward. The caste/community considers 'Ahir' and 'Koeri' castes/communities immediately higher to their caste which have already been included in the Central List at entry no. 1 and 7 respectively and more or less at the same level as the caste/community of Bind and Bhar included in the Central List of Other Backward Classes at entry no. 34 and 36 respectively. The members of the caste mainly depend for livelihood on both agricultural and non-agricultural labour which involve manual labour including cutting crops. The women as well as children of the caste/community, as a general practice, are, for their family's livelihood or for supplementing their family's income, engaged in agricultural labour. 99% population of the

caste/community is landless manual labourers. Out of the adult members of the caste/community, 50% are engaged in agricultural labour for wage, 39% in other manual labour for wage and remaining in cultivation of own land and other occupations including service.

7. Mostly population lives in 'Kachha houses'. Their literacy rate is seemingly very poor i.e. 0.01%. The position regarding employment and profession is that there are nearly 15 teachers, 3 Doctors, 250-300 Lawyers, 10 Engineers and Architects and 2 Income Tax, financial and Management consultants from amongst the members of caste/community. Also there is one MLA, one Member of Rajya Sabha and 7 Members of Zilla Parishad of Uttar Pradesh.

8. During the Public Hearing Shri Lakshmi Narayan Chauhan stated that 'Gole Thakur' caste/community is living near the surroundings of Agra and are also found in other 3-4 districts of Uttar Pradesh i.e. Etah, Agra, Aligarh etc. They are also found in Madhya Pradesh and are called 'Agria'. It has also been stated by him that the caste/community migrated from Rajasthan somewhere in between 1669 and 1674. Their traditional hereditary occupation was making of saltpetre, which they abandoned long ago and are now working as labourers.

9. Shri Ram Adhar Singh, President, Akhil Bhartiya Visthapit Rajput Mahasabha, Varanasi pleaded the case for inclusion of "Visthpit Rajput and Chauhan" caste/community as synonyms of "Lonia, Luniya" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh. He stated that population of Visthapit Rajputs approximately 5000 is scattered over many places from Kanpur to Azamgarh in between Ganga and Ghagra rivers and are engaged in the occupation of agriculture and labour. However, they are not stated to be making salt now and they are also called "Jhinghara Thakur".

10. Shri Lakshmi Narayan Chauhan who appeared on behalf of the "Khagi Chauhan" caste/community for inclusion in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh as a synonym of "Lonia, Luniya" submitted that it is one of the 5000 offshoots of Rajputs with

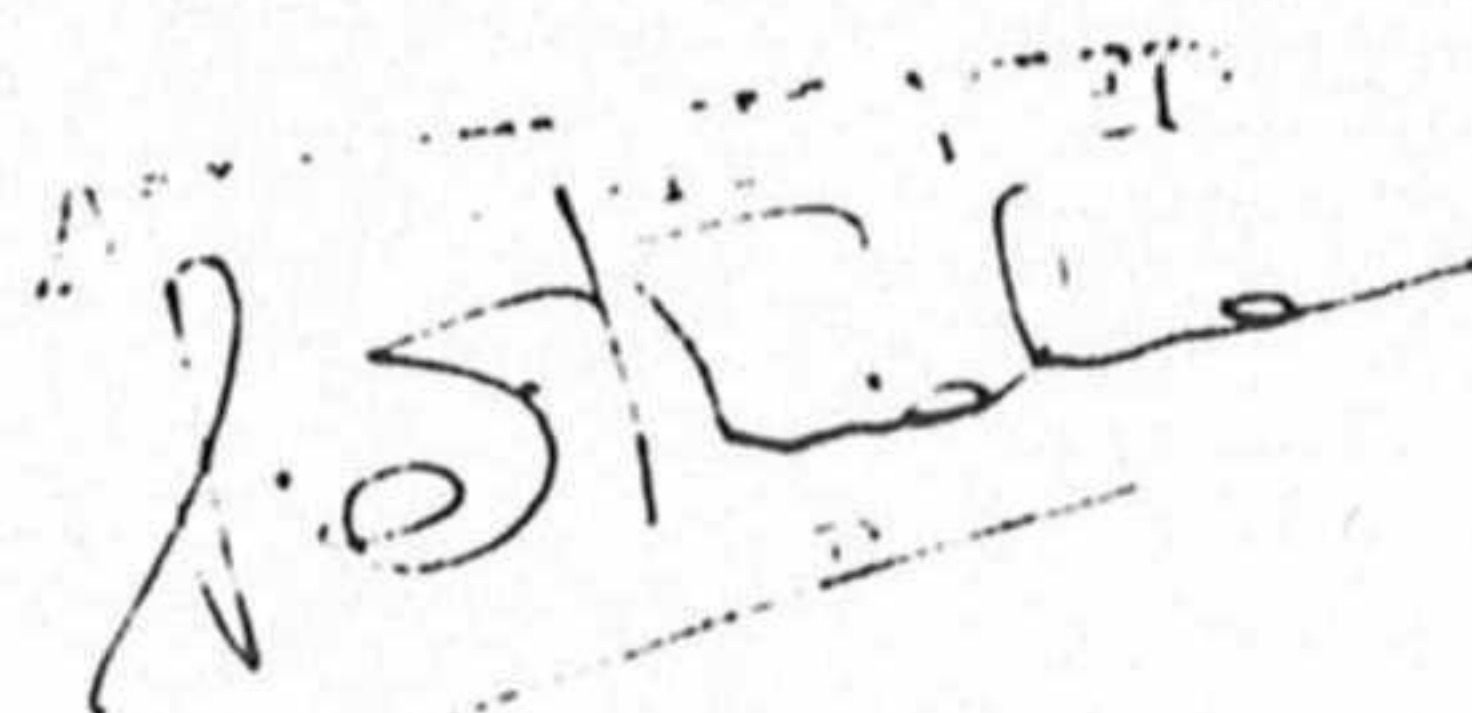
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population of 42,000 scattered over the places in between Meerut and Haridwar. Though the Bench was satisfied with the facts stated by him for inclusion of "Khagi Chauhan" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh, it was decided that the case of "Khagi Chauhan" be considered after the State Backward Classes Commission first decides upon this case.

11. W. Crooke in his book "The Tribes and castes of the North Western India" (Cosmo publications, New Delhi, reprint 1975, vol.III, p.387 originally published under the Title, "The Tribes and Castes of the North Western Province & Oudh", Calcutta, 1896), describes "Luniya, Nunia", a caste believed to be in a large measure of Dravidian origin, engaged in cultivation, saltpetre making, and various kinds of earthwork. They take their name from the sanskrit lavana "the moist", which first occurs as a name for sea salt in the Atharvan Veda....The last census classes them under the heads of Ajudhyavasi, or "residents of Ajudhya, "Bachgoti or "descendants of the sage vatsa", "Bhagirathi the descendents of the sage Bhagiratha, Chauhan the largest of all, who have a tradition of Rajput descent, Deoraj and Gole.....Prior to Rajput immigration into oudh, they appear to have held considerable property. Now their main occupation is making saltpetre, but they do earthwork and act as agricultural labourers and cultivate land.

12. People of India, National Series volume VIII "Communities, Segments, Synonyms, Surnames and Titles" by Shri K.S. Singh Anthropological Survey of India, 1996, in Appendix A-A Consolidated List of Communities from the censuses(1881-1941 and 1981, 1996, P.627) and other sources and their distribution contains that "Lonia" is equivalent to "Lunia" and as per census year 1881 their present distribution is in different region of Uttar Pradesh and in Appendix-B- community wise list of Synonyms, Titles, Surnames and Segments(page, 1523) contains that interalia "Gole" in sultanpur, Uttar Pradesh is a sub group of "Lunia".

13. During the Public Hearing those who were present not only did not object for inclusion of "Gole Thakur" and "Khagi Chauhan" but



also supported it. As regard Visthapit Rajputs the objection was filed by Shri Ram Karan Singh Vats, National General Secretary, Akhil Bhartiya Kshatriya Mahasabha, Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh, who was present during the Public Hearing on 7.10.1997, for inclusion of Visthapit Rajputs in the Central List of Backward Classes. He expressed that "Lonía" those who were called 'Rajputs' have become 'Savarna' and in order to achieve the glorious past of Kshatriyas to which they belonged, Visthapit Rajputs living in any part of the country should not be included in the Backward Classes List. In support of his statement he gave his own example:-

Wife -Rathore
Mother -Parmar
Himself -Chauhan

It was also brought to the notice of the Bench by Shri Ram Karan Vats that their caste/community people have marriage relations mostly with the 'Kshatriyas' and hence, they should not be included in the List of Backward Classes.

Shri Ram Adhar Singh was advised by the Bench that the request of "Chauhan" caste/community for inclusion in the Central List can be considered if it is made in the name of "Lonía-Chauhan" as inclusion of "Chauhan" only may be advantageous to Kshatriya caste or other upper caste people.

IV. Findings

14. From the above evidence, it is the Finding of the Bench that "Gole Thakur" synonym of "Lonía, Luniya" which is included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh at entry no. 50 and they together constitute a Socially and Educationally Backward Class. Synonyms of an existing entry in the Central List are covered by para 9 of the Procedural Clarification on the NCBC's "Guidelines for Consideration of Requests for Inclusion and Complaints of under-

Inclusion in the Central List of Backward Classes". Therefore, these synonyms should be included at entry no. 50 of the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh and the amended entry after the inclusion of these synonyms be read as follows :-

"50. Lonia, Luniya, Gole Thakur"

लौनिया, लुनिया, गोले ठाकुर

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V. Advice of the Commission

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

(i) "Gole Thakur" should be included as a synonym in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh at entry no. 50 as follows :-

"50. Lonia, Luniya, Gole Thakur"

लौनिया, लुनिया, गोले ठाकुर

(ii) From the above evidence it is the Finding of the Bench that "Visthapit Rajput" is neither socially nor educationally backward. The inclusion of such caste/community in the List of Backward Classes is not only counter to the facts and social realities, but also deprives the classes which are genuinely socially backward of their due and thus seriously distorts the constitutional and National Policy on Backward Classes. The inclusion of such Advanced caste/community in the list of Backward Classes also confers on them an unconstitutional advantage over other Advanced castes/communities who are, correctly, not included in the list of Backward Classes and with whom the former ought to compete on equal terms. Therefore, the Request for Inclusion of "Visthapit Rajput" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh should be rejected.

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