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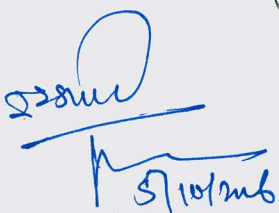
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Dear Smt. Chotray,

I am sending herewith the advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9(1) of the National Commission for Backward Classes Act 1993, for Amendment in Entry No.70 in respect of caste/community "Kunbi (sub-castes:Lewa Kunbi, Lewa Patil, Lewa Patidar), Kurmi" in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Maharashtra, duly authenticated, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act.

With regards.

Yours sincerely,


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National Commission for Backward Classes

ADVICE

Case: Amendment in Entry No. 70 in respect of caste / community "Kunbi (sub-castes: Lewa Kunbi, Lewa Patil, Lewa Patidar), Kurmi" in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Maharashtra

This case arises from the request of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, on the basis of the representation of Shri Sandip Bhimrao Patil, A/P Yelur, Teh. Walwa, Dist. Sangli (Maharashtra), regarding the caste / community "Kunbi (sub-castes: Lewa Kunbi, Lewa Patil, Lewa Patidar), Kurmi" at entry no. 70 in the Central List of OBCs for Maharashtra. The Commission examined the case and the case is explained in the tabular statement below:-

Name of the caste/ sub-caste/community as entered in Central List with Entry No.	Findings of the Commission regarding the request	Proposed Entry to be included in the Central List
(1)	(2)	(3)
70. Kunbi (sub-castes: Lewa Kunbi, Lewa Patil, Lewa Patidar), Kurmi	Ambiguity in the entry at the time of preparation of Central List of OBCs for Maharashtra	Lewa Kunbi, Lewa Patil, Lewa Patidar to be included in between "Kunbi" and "Kurmi" omitting the brackets and the word 'sub-castes'. The amended entry would therefore read as under: 70. Kunbi, Lewa Kunbi, Lewa Patil, Lewa Patidar, Kurmi

The Commission observed that, with the insertion of word 'sub-castes' in the entry as above at column (1), the entry is on occasions being misinterpreted and the benefit of OBC caste certificates in the Central Services is being restricted only to the sub-castes "Lewa Kunbi, Lewa Patil, Lewa Patidar". In the Central List of OBCs, the practice followed is that the sub-castes / synonyms appear along with the main caste / community with comma / bracket / hyphen etc. A sub-caste cannot be backward and be eligible for benefits unless it's main caste / community is backward. It is added that the caste 'Kunbi' was declared as OBC by the State of Maharashtra earlier, and subsequently, the other above mentioned three sub-castes were included in the OBC list, which implies that the main community 'Kunbi' along with the three sub-castes are eligible for benefits.

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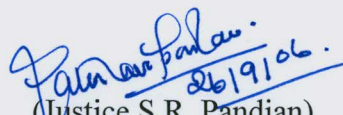

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Further, from the evidence and documents presented at the time of Public Hearing in case of inclusion of 'Kurmi' as synonym of 'Kunbi', and also on perusal of ethnographic literature, the Commission came to the conclusion that the 'Kurmi' caste / community of Maharashtra is akin to the Kunbis of Maharashtra and is socially and educationally backward. In the present case, it is the considered view of the Commission that all the sub-castes / synonyms are eligible for benefit including the main caste / community.

It is, therefore, necessary to amend the entry in the Central List, as proposed at column (3) above, by issuing a Notification at the earliest, so that candidates of the "Kunbi, Lewa Kunbi, Lewa Patil, Lewa Patidar, Kurmi" caste / sub-caste / synonyms may not have to face difficulties in securing caste certificates and consequential benefits of reservations in the Central Posts and Services, as well as from other Central Government Programmes for OBCs.

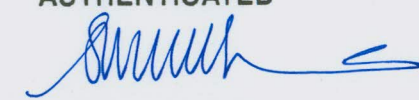

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