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8th April 2011

Dear *Shri Acharya,*

I am sending herewith the Advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9 (1) of the NCBC Act, for the inclusion of 'Senai Thalaivar' in the Central List of Backward Classes for Puducherry, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9 (2) of the Act.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Chitra Chopra

(Smt. Chitra Chopra)

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Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment,
Shastri Bhavan,
New Delhi.

Encl: as above.

National Commission for Backward Classes

Advice

Puducherry

Advice No. 96/Puducherry/2010

Case: Request for inclusion of the caste/ community 'Senai Thalaivar' in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Puducherry

The Commission consisting of Justice MN Rao, Hon'ble Chairman, Shri SK Kharventhan, Hon'ble Member, Shri Deepak Katole, Hon'ble Member and Smt Chitra Chopra, Hon'ble Member Secretary held a Public Hearing at Puducherry on 22nd November, 2010 in respect of the requests received in the Commission from Puducherry Government & Individuals. At the Public Hearing, the State Government of Puducherry was represented by Shri G Theva Neethi Dhas, Special Secretary to Govt(Welfare), Pondicherry, Shri K Uthaman, Member Secy, SLCBC, Government of Puducherry, Shri M Ilango, Member, SLCBC, Pondicherry, Shri S Ponnurangam, Member, SLCBC, Pondicherry and other officials of SLCBC.

II. This case arises from the request received in the National Commission for Backward Classes from the State Government of Puducherry for inclusion of the castes/community '**Senai Thalaivar**' in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Puducherry.

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III. Facts

The following are the entries in the State/Mandal & Central List in respect of caste/community 'Senai Thalaivar'

State List - 35. Senai Thalaivar

Mandal List - 213. Sanaithalaivar (Senaikudiyan)
214. Senai Thalaivar (Elavabaniyas)

Central List -

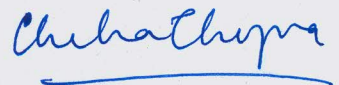
Shri M Dharmaraj, President, Puthuvai Senaithalaivar Association, Puducherry submitted that ten thousand members of their community are residing in the Union Territory, spread out in four regions of Puducherry. Their caste Senaithalaivar was notified as backward caste in the UT since 1964 and was also included in the revised BC list of UT in the year 2002. It was also notified as OBC in the Central List of OBCs for the UT of Puducherry in the year 1994. After the Puducherry Government had revised Backward Classes List and their caste was included in the revised backward class list of UT but their caste had been left out in the revised Central List of OBCs and also in the Central List of OBCs of Tamil Nadu. Due to non inclusion of their caste in the Central List of OBCs for Puducherry they are deprived of all the benefits and reservation available to OBCs people and their community members are facing hardship. It was requested that "Senai Thalaivar" be restored in the Central List for the UT of Puducherry at the earliest.

The caste/community was included in the Central List vide Resolution No. 12011/9/94-BBC dt 19th Oct 1994 is as under :-

212. Sanaithalaivar (Senaikudiyan)

213. Senai Thalaivar (Elavabaniyas)

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In the revised UT list of BCs, the caste appeared as 'Senai Thalaivar'. Since the entries in the revised list had variation as per the earlier list of BCs, the caste/community was not included based on principle of Commonality.

In the report of SLCBC, Puducherry it is mentioned that as per survey taken in 1994, the total households of the Caste is 107 and the population is 502. The traditional occupation of the caste is betel leaf (Piper betel) cultivation and selling, but most of them have now switched to other occupations.

IV. Findings & Advice of the Commission

This community was included in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Tamil Nadu on the principle of commonality at Sl No. 113. In the State List of OBCs for the Government of Puducherry prepared both in 1994 and revised subsequently in 2001, this community was included in the List of OBCs. Their main occupation is cultivation of betel leaf and our enquiries revealed that most of them are eking out their livelihood either as domestic servants or as agricultural labourers and a few of them have independent betel leaf cultivation. Its total population is only 502. Their social and educational progress has already been surveyed by the State Government which was satisfied for its inclusion in the State List. Above all, already in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Tamil Nadu, this community was included on the principle of commonality. The Union Territory of Puducherry except for its separate identity is in all respects, extension of the Tamil Nadu State ethnically, culturally and linguistically. In the circumstances, the request of 'Senai Thalaivar' community for inclusion in the Central List of OBCs for the Government of Puducherry is accepted.

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The Commission considered and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government under Section 9(1) of the National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act:-

"The caste/community **"Senai Thalaivar"** be included in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the UT of Puducherry at entry No 59 as under:-

"59. Senai Thalaivar"

(Justice MN Rao)
Chairperson

(SK Kharventhan)
Member

(Deepak Katole)
Member

(Chitra Chopra)
Member Secretary

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