

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Hon'ble Shri Justice M.N.Rao, Chairperson

Hon'ble Shri S.K.Kharventhan, Member

Hon'ble Shri Deepak Katole, Member

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

Case: Request for Inclusion of 'LATIN CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN VANNAR (IN KANNIYAKUMARI DISTRICT)' Caste/community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Tamil Nadu.

I. Request:

1. The Government of Tamil Nadu has requested the NCBC for inclusion of 'LATIN CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN VANNAR (IN KANNIYAKUMARI DISTRICT)' caste/community in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Tamil Nadu. It has already been included in the State List at Sl. No. 18A as a Most Backward Classes.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

2. The Commission consisting of Justice Shri M. N. Rao, Hon'ble Chairperson, Shri S. K. Kharventhan, Hon'ble Member, Shri Deepak Katole, Hon'ble Member and Dr. Shakeel uz-Zaman Ansari, Hon'ble Member, held a Public Hearing on 05th & 06th September, 2011 in respect of the request of the State Government for inclusion of 'LATIN CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN VANNAR (IN KANNIYAKUMARI DISTRICT)'

AUTHENTICATED¹



caste/community in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Tamil Nadu. At the Public Hearing, the State Government was represented by Shri G. Santhanam, Secretary to Government of Tamil Nadu, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department and Shri J. Chandrakumar, Director, Backward Classes Welfare.

III Findings

3. At the time of public hearing held at Chennai on 05th and 06th September, 2011, a representation was given by the President of Tamil Nadu Latin Catholic Vannar Samuthaya Munnetra Sangam.

4. From the advice tendered by the Tamil Nadu State Commission for Backward Classes, which was the basis for the State Government for treating this community as a Most Backward one, we find that this community deserves to be included in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Tamil Nadu.

5. The traditional occupation of the people of this community is washing clothes – they belong to Dhobi caste, which was always treated as a socially backward one. They were treated as untouchables by the rest of the villagers as noticed by the State Commission while discussing the evidence of one of the witnesses who deposed before the State Commission. The finding of the State Commission with regard to educational backwardness also is to the effect that this community is educationally backward and consequently its economic condition is very poor. Having regard to the foregoing, we are of the view that the community 'LATIN CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN VANNAR (IN KANNIYAKUMARI DISTRICT)' be included in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Tamil Nadu.

AUTHENTICATED 2

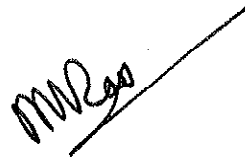
Chirba Chyva

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 1993 for necessary action under Section 9(2) of the NCBC Act:-

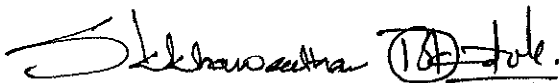
"The caste/community "LATIN CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN VANNAR (IN KANNIYAKUMARI DISTRICT)" be included at entry no. 181 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Tamil Nadu as follows:

"181. LATIN CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN VANNAR (IN KANNIYAKUMARI DISTRICT)"



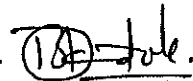
(Justice M. N. Rao)

Chairperson



(S. K. Kharventhan)

Member



(Deepak Katole)

Member



(Dr. Shakeel uz-Zaman Ansari)

Member

AUTHENTICATED



National Commission for Backward Classes
New Delhi