

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Justice M. N. Rao, Chairperson

Shri S. K. Kharventhan, Member

Shri Deepak Katole, Member

Smt Chitra Chopra, Member-Secretary

Case: Request for Inclusion of 'Meo' in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Delhi

Request:

1. Shri Hakim Jamaluddin, President, Delhi Meo Welfare Society, Delhi has requested the NCBC along with the filled in questionnaire for inclusion of 'Meo' in Central List of OBCs for the State of Delhi.

2. The same was considered by the NCBC during the Commission VIth /14th Meeting held on the 19th of July 2011.

Findings:

3. At the public hearing held on 24-05-2011, the case of this community was taken up for consideration for inclusion in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Delhi. Shri Prakash Chandra, Joint Director, and Shri K.P. Rangari, Deputy Director

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(SCP), Department for the Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities, Government of NCT of Delhi were present at the time of public hearing.

4. In the States of Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh this caste was included in the respective State Lists as a backward class.

5. The NCBC in its advice tendered on 1-6-1996 had considered elaborately the case of this community for inclusion in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Haryana. The NCBC has very pertinently observed that at a time when most of the territory of Delhi State was part of the neighbouring States of Uttar Pradesh and Punjab, this community was considered as a criminal tribe and subsequently it was de-notified by the Criminal Tribes (Repeal) Act, 1952.

6. Having regard to the fact that at one time this community was a criminal tribe and subsequently de-notified, a consideration so paramount that there is no need to go into other evidence to decide whether this community suffers social and educational backwardness.

7. The inclusion as criminal tribe itself was a clear indication of its social and educational backwardness and this factor was recognized by the NCBC as a primary consideration for inclusion of MEO community in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Haryana.

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8. For the aforesaid reasons, we are of the view that MEO community deserves to be included in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Delhi.

Advice of the Commission:

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 'Meo' be included at entry no.56 in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Delhi as follows:

"56. Meo".



(Justice M. N. Rao)
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