

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Hon'ble Justice V. Eswaraiah, Chairperson

Hon'ble Shri S. K. Kharventhan, Member

Hon'ble Shri A.K.Saini, Member

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

Hon'ble Shri A.K.Mangotra, Member-Secretary

Case: Request for Inclusion of 'Itfarosh / Itafarosh / Gadheri / Itpaj / Ibrahimi (Muslim)' caste / community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Bihar.

I. Request

1. The NCBC received letter 26-11-2008 and 26-2-2010 from the State Government / Commission requesting for inclusion of the caste / community 'Itfarosh / Itafarosh / Gadheri / Itpaj / Ibrahimi (Muslim)' in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Bihar. NCBC decided to hold a Public Hearing at Patna. A Public notice was issued in the local Newspapers on 19-11-2014 for inclusion of this caste / community in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Bihar. Accordingly, the NCBC held the Public Hearing at Bihar on 27th & 28th November, 2014 to consider the request of the State Commission /

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Government for inclusion of the 'Itfarosh / Itafarosh / Gadheri / Itpaj / Ibrahimi (Muslim)' caste/community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Bihar.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

2. The Commission consisting of Justice V. Eswaraiah, Hon'ble Chairperson, Hon'ble Member, Shri A.K.Saini and Hon'ble Member, Dr. Shakeel uz-Zaman Ansari held a Public Hearing at Bihar on 27th & 28th November, 2014 for inclusion of caste/community 'Itfarosh / Itafarosh / Gadheri / Itpaj / Ibrahimi (Muslim)' in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Bihar. In the Public Hearing, the Hon'ble Chairperson and two other Hon'ble Members viz. Shri A.K.Saini and Dr.Shakeel-uz-Zaman Ansari have attended. The entire matter has been placed before the Full Commission on 27-2-2015 and 27-3-2015 for discussion and consideration.

3. The State Government requested for inclusion of this caste in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Bihar as the same is already included in the State Commission for Backward Classes List for the State of Bihar.

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III. FACTS

4. The caste/community 'Itfarosh / Itafarosh / Gadheri / Itpaj / Ibrahimi (Muslim)' is included in the State List of Most Backward Classes at Sl.No.112 in Schedule 1 vide Resolution No.499 dated 16-10-2003 based on the report of the State Commission for Backward Classes. This caste is not found in the Mandal List. In the Central List of OBCs for the neighbouring States this caste/community is not found. There is also no Ethnography Account available with regard to this caste.

5. The State Commission report reveals that the caste/community people used to carry bricks and sand from one place to another by using Donkey for their livelihood. They are landless and illiterate. They are also known as 'Gadheri'. But in the municipal document/Government document, this caste is known as 'Itafarosh'. However, the caste/community people in their panchayat meeting decided to keep their caste name as 'Itpaj/Ibrahimi' to improve their social status.

6. At the time of Public Hearing, 7 persons representing this caste/community appeared before the Commission and Mr. Mohd. Hassain Akthar, Mr. Aktar Hussain and Mohd. Aslam submitted that their traditional profession is to carry bricks through Donkey and also do labour at brickkiln. Their educational level is below average upto Metric and graduation level is also negligible. In view of their occupation as carrying the bricks through Donkeys, they are called as 'Gadheri'. They

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are also looked down by the higher caste people including the Other Backward Classes people. They are socially, educationally and economically backward and therefore they requested the Commission to include their caste/community in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Bihar.

IV. FINDINGS

7. The Commission is therefore of the view that as from the personal appearance of the people present, it is visible that they do hard work and in view of their occupation as carrying bricks through Donkeys from one place to another they are called as 'Gadheri'. In view of their occupation, they are also looked down by not only higher castes people but also Other Backward Classes people. The NCBC is therefore of the view that since their traditional occupation is to carry bricks through donkey, they are socially and educationally backward and hence they deserves to be included in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Bihar and accordingly recommends the case for inclusion of only the caste/community 'Itfarosh' / 'Itafarosh' / 'Gadheri' in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Bihar as they are socially and educationally backward.

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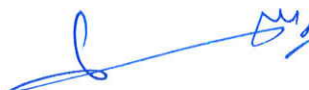

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V. ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION

8. 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:-

“The caste/community ‘Itfarosh’ / ‘Itafarosh’ / ‘Gadheri’ be included at Entry No. 136 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh as follows:

“New Entry No 136- ‘Itfarosh’ (ईटफरोश) / ‘Itafarosh’ (ईटाफरोश) / ‘Gadheri’ ” (गदहेड़ी)



(Justice V. Eswaraiah)

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Dear Shri

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Kindly refer to my earlier D.O. letter No. NCBC Advice No. 42-58/Bihar/2015 dated 27-07-2015 under which the Advices for the State of Bihar were forwarded to Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE). In two Advices, i.e. Advice No. 45/Bihar/2015 and Advice No. 49/Bihar/2015 at page No. 5 in each of these Advices, instead of 'Bihar' it was inadvertently typed 'Madhya Pradesh'. This need to be corrected in both places and for this purpose, an ERRATA is enclosed.

2. The said changes may kindly be incorporated at your end.

With *Respect*

Yours *Sincerely*

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ERRATA

“CORRECTION TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE “ADVICE NO. 45/BIHAR/2015 AND ADVICE NO. 49/BIHAR/2015 FOR THE INCLUSION OF THE CASTE/COMMUNITY IN THE CENTRAL LIST OF OBCS FOR THE STATE OF BIHAR” SUBMITTED BY THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES TO MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT VIDE D.O. Advice No. 42-58/Bihar/2015 DATED 27-07-2015.

I- Para 9 of the Advice No. 45/Bihar/2015 may be read as:

“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:-

“The caste/community ‘Chhipi’ be included at Entry No. 135 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Bihar as follows:

“New Entry No 135- ‘Chhipi’ (छीपी)”

II- Para 8 of the Advice No. 49/Bihar/2015 may be read as:

“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:-

“The caste/community ‘Itfarosh’ / ‘Itafarosh’ / ‘Gadheri’ be included at Entry No. 136 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Bihar as follows:

“New Entry No 136- ‘Itfarosh’ (ईटफरोश) / ‘Itafarosh’ (ईटाफरोश) / ‘Gadheri’ (गदहेड़ी)”

III. The above correction may be carried out in the aforesaid Advices and this correction may be taken as part and parcel of the said advices.


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