

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

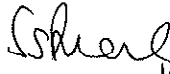
Case: Request for Inclusion of 'Alvi' caste/community as synonym of Fakir in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Delhi.

I. Request:

1. One Shri Nasir Ali Alvi had made a request to the NCBC for inclusion of ALVI as synonym of FAKIR community/caste in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Delhi at entry no. 21. At present in the State List at Sl. No. 21 two communities are mentioned FAKIR, ALVI. In the Mandal List FAKIR community is included at Sl. No. 13.

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


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Member, held a Public Hearing in respect of the request for inclusion of 'Alvi' as synonym of Fakir caste in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Delhi on 24th August, 2012. Shri Shyam Agarwal, Secretary, NCBC was also present. At the Public Hearing, the State Government was represented by Mr. Lalhmingthanga, Secretary, Delhi State Commission for OBC, Mr. Prakash Chandra, Joint Director, Government of NCT of Delhi, Department for the Welfare of SC/ST/OBC/Minorities.

III Findings

3. At the time of public hearing, one Shri Mohammad Usman Saheb is present representing the community and he pleaded that the community ALVI is a synonym of FAKIR.

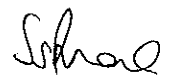
4. The State Commission for Backward Classes in its report has stated that:

"A petition is received from Jamait-e-Alviya Hind Delhi, an organization which was founded in the year 1924. The General Secretary of the organization who has addressed the petition prays as follows:

"Since the word 'fakir' is derogatory (it can be trans-literated from urdu as 'vagrant', 'mendicant', 'begger', etc.), we have started designating our community as 'Alvi'. We, therefore, request that the word 'Alvi' which in fact is synonymous with Fakir, may please be included in the OBC list".

Accordingly, we carried out a socio-economic and educational survey of the community recognized alternatively as 'Fakir' or 'Alvi'. In fact, nearly, all members surveyed recognized themselves alternatively as both Fakir and Alvi. Even then, the analysis of the comparative data

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from Alvi-Fakir vis-à-vis other claimant communities, would again validate or invalidate their claim to the status of OBC caste, since Fakir already stands included in the OBC list for the State of Delhi. In order to make it doubly sure, we also verified this fact of dual identification from members/leaders of other Muslim communities, such as Dhobis, Telis, etc”.

5. The finding of the State Commission for Backward Classes is that “all members surveyed recognized themselves alternatively as both FAKIR and ALVI”. But in the notification issued by the State Government FAKIR and ALVI are shown as two communities. It is well known that ‘Alvi’ is also a title: advanced classes of Muslims bear the title ALVI. If the nomenclature employed by the State Government is also repeated in the Central List of OBCs, there is every possibility of the title holders of ALVI taking undue advantage of the nomenclature and claiming the benefits as OBCs.

6. In the circumstances, the NCBC recommends that in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Delhi at entry No.21 the following community should be substituted:

FAKIR including ALVI-FAKIR.

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IV. ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION

7. 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:-

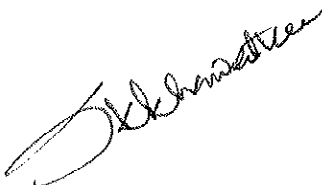
"The caste/community '**Alvi-Fakir**' be included at Entry No. 21 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Delhi as follows:

"21. FAKIR including **ALVI-FAKIR**"



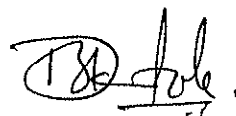
(Justice M. N. Rao)

Chairperson



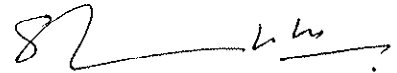
(S. K. Kharventhan)

Member



(Deepak Katole)

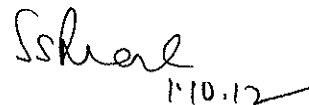
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