

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 'Maurya, Kushwaha, Shakya, Mahato' caste/community as synonyms of Kachhi in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Delhi.

I. Request:

1. NCBC has taken up for consideration the request for inclusion of 'MAURYA, KUSHWAHA, SHAKYA, MAHATO' caste/community as synonyms of 'Kachhi' community in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Delhi.

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 in respect of the request of the State Government for inclusion of 'Maurya, Kushwaha, Shakya, Mahato' as 'synonyms of 'Kachhi' caste in the Central List of OBCs for the State of

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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. The request is for considering MAURYA, KUSHWAHA, SHAKYA, MAHATO castes as synonyms of KACHHI community in the Central List of Backward Classes for the NCT of Delhi. In the State List at SI.No.27, the following castes mentioned:

“Kachhi, Koeri, Murai, Murao, Maurya, Kushwaha, Shakya, Mahato”.

4. In entry No.27 of the Central List of OBCs for the State of Delhi, the following castes mentioned:

“Kachhi, Koeri, Murai, Murao”.

5. At the time of public hearing large number of representatives of the community present and requested for inclusion of MAURYA, KUSHWAHA, SHAKYA, MAHATO castes as synonyms of KACHHI community in the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of Delhi.

6. The State Commission for Backward Classes while dealing with the castes “Kachhi, Koeri, Murai & Murao”, in a brief report has stated:

“This caste/community has been included in the list of OBCs prepared by Mandal Commission for Delhi State. We have not received any recommendation/complaint for excluding these castes from the list of OBCs. However, Shri Hari Ram Maurya, Secretary, Bharat Maurya Sangh

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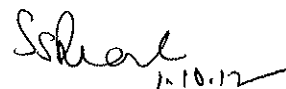
has made a representation stating that Maurya, Kushwaha, Shakya, Mahato, Kachhi, Koeri, Murai and Murao belong to the same community. This fact finds support from the list prepared by the Mandal Commission for Uttar Pradesh State where all these communities were included in the list of OBCs. Therefore, all these communities would be listed in the list of OBCs under one category".

7. As we are unable to get sufficient guidance from the report of the State Commission for Backward Classes, we have perused the Ethnographic account relating to 'Kachchi' caste. In the People of India: All Communities, pages 1425-1430, it is mentioned that "in the Union Territory of Delhi, the Kachchi are known by different names, like Shakya, Marao and Murya or Morya, in different regions, Shakya, Verma and Saksena are some of their surnames". In the State List of Backward Classes, seven sub-groups of Kachhi have been included viz. "Koeri, Murai, Murao, Maurya, Kushwaha, Shakya and Mahato". Therefore, we have no difficulty in holding that "Shakya" and "Maurya" are synonyms of Kachhi community. So far as 'Kushwaha and Mahato communities/castes are concerned, no acceptable evidence was placed before us by the representatives of the community.

8. In the circumstances, we recommend that MAURYA AND SHAKYA communities/castes be declared as synonyms of Kachhi community and be included in entry No.27 alongwith the castes already included. The amended entry will read:

"Kachhi, Koeri, Murai, Murao, Maurya, Shakya".

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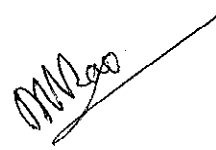
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IV. ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION

9. 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:-

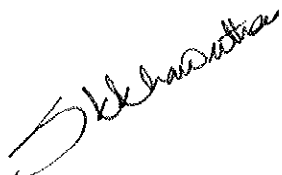
"The caste/community '**Maurya and Shakya**' be included at Entry No. 27 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Delhi as follows:

"27. Kachhi, Koeri, Murai, Murao, **Maurya, Shakya** "



(Justice M. N. Rao)

Chairperson



(S. K. Kharventhan)

Member



(Deepak Katole)

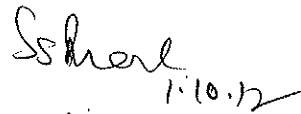
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