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NCBC Advice No. 60-63/Kerala/2012

04th July, 2012

Dear Sir,

I am sending herewith the advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9 (1) of the National Commission for Backward Classes Act 1993, regarding the following castes/communities:-

1. Mahendra-Medara
2. Chaliya (Chaliyan) (whose caste profession is cotton weaving)
3. Moopar
4. Kuruba

for the State of Kerala, duly authenticated, for necessary action by the Central Government under section 9 (2) of the Act.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(Dr. Shyam Agrawal)

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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 'Mahendra-Medara' caste/community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Kerala.

I. Request:

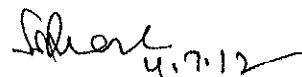
1. The State Government of Kerala has recommended to the NCBC for inclusion of 'MAHENDRA-MEDARA' caste/community in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Kerala.

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 'Mahendra-Medara' caste in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Kerala on 15th May, 2012. At the Public Hearing, the

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State Government was represented by Shri V.R. Joshi, Director, Directorate of Backward Communities Development Department, Government of Kerala and Smt. Sucy Eapen, Registrar, Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes.

III Findings

3. In the State List, the community 'Mahendra-Medara' figures at Entry No. 40 and the action of the Government in this regard was based upon the report of the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes. At the time of Public Hearing, no one appeared representing the community.

4. The traditional occupation of this community is basketry. The Kerala Institute for Research Training and Development Studies of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (KIRTADS), Kozhikode, was commissioned by the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes to submit a study report concerning social, economic and educational status of this community and the Research Institute submitted its report. The report mentions that economically they are backward. Other than basket making, they do not know any other occupation to earn for their livelihood. The report says that "..... during the lean period, since they do not have the practice of doing any other work, they are forced to indebtedness and thereby live in appalling low standards of life". So far as the educational level of the community is concerned, the report says that no one has crossed beyond the level of matriculation.

5. As regards the social backwardness of the community, the report says that Mahendra-Medara community rank below Ezhavas (Ezhavas at one time were untouchables in Kerala).

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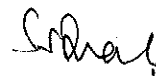
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6. All the parameters required for treating a caste/community as backward for the purpose of Article 15(4) and 16(4) of the Constitution of India as laid down by the Supreme Court in Indra Sawhney case (1992) Supp. 3 SCC 217 are fully satisfied in this case.

7. We, therefore recommend for inclusion of the caste/community 'Mahendra-Medara' in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Kerala.

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IV. 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 under Section 9(2) of the NCBC Act:-

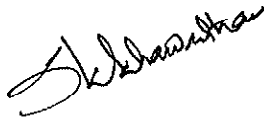
"The caste/community '**MAHENDRA-MEDARA**' be included at Entry No. 82 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Kerala as follows:

"82. Mahendra-Medara (महेन्द्रा-मंदरा)"



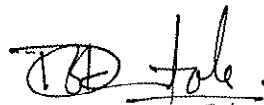
(Justice M. N. Rao)

Chairperson



(S. K. Kharventhan)

Member



(Deepak Katole)

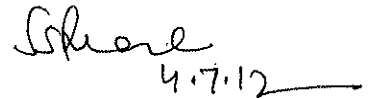
Member



(Dr. Shakeel uz-Zaman Ansari)

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