

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

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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. Kuruba caste was included in the State List of Backward Classes by the Government of Kerala at Entry No. 37 and its inclusion was on the basis of the report submitted by the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes.

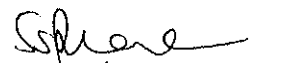
4. At the time of Public Hearing some of the representatives of the community viz., Shri B.Parameshwar, Shri P.Padmanabha, Shri H.R.Ishwar and Shri Kamalaksha P. were present and stated that the community is socially and educationally backward and its representation in public services is very inadequate.

5. In the State of Karnataka this community was included in the List of Most Backward Classes. In the State of Kerala, the profession of this community is "cow and cattle rearing". All over the country shepherd community is included in the list of backward classes. We therefore entirely agree with the view of the State Commission that "Kurubas are socially backward and that their educational and economic backwardness are intertwined with their social backwardness". The parameters for inclusion of a caste in the List of Backward Classes as laid down by the Supreme Court in Indra Sawhney case (1992) Supp. 3 SCC 217 are fully satisfied in the present case.

6. We are therefore of the view that the caste/community 'KURUBA' deserves to be included in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Kerala

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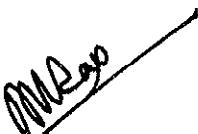
and we recommend that the community/caste 'KURUBA' be included in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Kerala.

IV. ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION

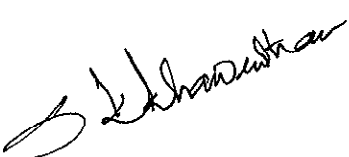
7. The Commission in view of the above findings has decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act for necessary action under Section 9(2) of the NCBC Act:-

"The caste/community 'KURUBA' be included at Entry No. 83 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Kerala as follows:

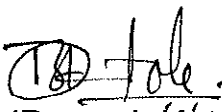
"83. Kuruba (कुरुबा)"


(Justice M. N. Rao)

Chairperson


(S. K. Kharventhan)

Member

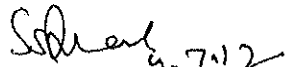

(Deepak Katole)

Member


(Dr. Shakeel uz-Zaman Ansari)

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