

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

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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 castes/communities 'Otari', 'Kaser' as synonyms of 'Thathara', 'Thatera', 'Kasar', 'Kasera', 'Tamera', 'Tambatkar/Tamrakar', 'Tamer' castes / communities in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh.

I. Request

1. The NCBC received letter No. 1115 dated 29-1-2013 from the Madhya Pradesh State Backward Classes Commission requesting for inclusion of the castes/communities 'Otari', 'Kaser' as synonyms of 'Thathara', 'Thatera', 'Kasar', 'Kasera', 'Tamera', 'Tambatkar/Tamrakar', 'Tamer' castes / communities in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh. NCBC decided to hold a Public Hearing at Bhopal. A Public notice was issued in the local Newspapers on 5-9-2014 and 9-9-2014 for inclusion of these

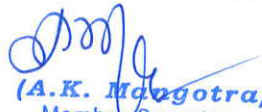
castes/communities in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Madhya Pradesh. Accordingly, the NCBC held the Public Hearing at Bhopal on 10th & 11th September, 2014 to consider the request of the State Commission/Government for inclusion of the castes/communities 'Otari', 'Kaser' as synonyms of 'Thathara', 'Thatera', 'Kasar', 'Kasera', 'Tamera', 'Tambatkar/Tamrakar', 'Tamer' castes / communities in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

2. The Commission consisting of Justice V. Eswaraiah, Hon'ble Chairperson, Shri S. K. Kharventhan, Hon'ble Member, Shri A.K.Saini, Hon'ble Member, Dr. Shakeel uz-Zaman Ansari, Hon'ble Member and Shri A.K.Mangotra, Hon'ble Member-Secretary held a Public Hearing at Bhopal on 10th and 11th September, 2014 for inclusion of castes/communities 'Otari', 'Kaser' as synonyms of 'Thathara', 'Thatera', 'Kasar', 'Kasera', 'Tamera', 'Tambatkar/Tamrakar', 'Tamer' castes / communities in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh.

3. The State Government requested for inclusion of these castes in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh as the same are already included in the Madhya Pradesh State Backward Classes List.

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III. FACTS

4. 'Otari' caste/community was included in the State List of Backward Classes vide notification No. F-8-5-25-4-84 dated 26.12.1984 and 'Kaser' caste/community was included in the State List of Backward Classes vide Notification No.F-23-41/98/54-1 dated 10.09.98 at SI.No.36 alongwith the castes/communities 'Thatera', 'Kasar', 'Kasera', 'Tamera', 'Tambatkar', 'Otari', 'Tamarkar', 'Tamer'. Most of them are engaged in making copper, brass and silver utensils.

5. The castes/communities Otari and Kaser are carrying the same profession of making utensils and they are socially and educationally backward by the nature of their profession. The word "Otari" is derived from Marathi word meaning to cast. The traditional occupation of caste/community Otari is to melt copper and brass metals and make models, art objects and utensils out of them. The Otari is essentially a occupational group of utensils-makers and coppersmith (Page No. 2689-2690, Book People of India by Shri K.S. Singh, Vol.-VI). In Madhya Pradesh the Otari also have synonyms like Thathara Tathera, Kasera, Kasar, Tamera, Tambatkar/Tamrakar, Tamer, The castes/communities Thathara Thatera, Kasera, Kasar, Tamera, Tambatkar/Tamrakar, Tamer are already included in the Central List of OBC for the State of Madhya Pradesh against Entry No. 33. The ethnographic account of the caste/community reveals that the caste/community Otari is engaged in occupation of utensils making and coppersmith which is one and alike occupied by Thathera and others. Hence this community cannot be

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understood but a socially and educationally backward community like Thathera, Kasera.

6. The name of 'Kaser' caste/community is also found in the Mandal List at Sl. No. 158 as 'Kasera', 'Jamera', 'Kasar'. Smt. Suranjana Ray, Additional Chief Secretary submitted that the caste 'Kaser' was already included in the State List at Sl.No. 36 alongwith 'Thatera', 'Kasar', 'Kasera', 'Tamera', 'Tambatkar', 'Otari', 'Tamarkar', 'Tamer', and in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh at Entry No. 33 as 'Kasar', 'Kasera' alongwith the castes/communities 'Thathara', 'Thatera', 'Tamera', 'Tambatkar/Tamrakar', 'Tamer'.

IV. FINDINGS

7. By no means it is transpired that the caste/community 'Otari' is socially and educationally forward vis-à-vis to "Thathara, Thatera, Kasar, Kasera, Tamera, Tambatkar/Tamrakar and Tamer". No material and evidence oral or documentary is available controverting or impeaching the social and educational backwardness of this community. Therefore, the Commission is of the view that the caste/community Otari deserves to be included in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Madhya Pradesh as synonym of 'Thathara', 'Thatera', 'Kasar', 'Kasera', 'Tamera', 'Tambatkar/Tamrakar', 'Tamer'.

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8. As there is only a spelling variation in 'Kaser', 'Kasar', 'Kasera', the Commission is of the view that 'Kaser' caste/community be included in Central List of OBCs for the State of Madhya Pradesh at Entry No. 33 as synonym of "Thathara", 'Thatera', 'Kasar', 'Kasera', 'Tamera', 'Tambatkar/Tamrakar', 'Tamer', 'Kasar', 'Kasera' as follows:-

"33. 'Thathara', 'Thatera', 'Kasar', 'Kasera', 'Tamera', 'Tambatkar/Tamrakar', 'Tamer', '**Otari**', '**Kaser**'."

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V. 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:-

The castes/communities 'Otari', 'Kaser' as synonyms of 'Thathara', 'Thatera', 'Kasar', 'Kasera', 'Tamera', 'Tambatkar/Tamrakar', 'Tamer' castes / communities be included at Entry No. 33 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh as follows:

"33. Thathara, Thatera, Kasar, Kasera, Tamera, Tambatkar/Tamrakar, Tamer, **Otari, Kaser** (ओटारी, कसेर)"


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