

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Uttarakhand Bench

FINDINGS

Case: Request for inclusion of '**Ranwalta Jaunpuri Community**' caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttarakhand.

1. Request

This case arises from the request received in this Commission from Shri Rukum Singh Chauhan, Sabhapati, Construction Work Committee, District Panchayat, Uttarkashi, Ward No.-3, Naya Bazar, Badkot, Distt-Uttarkashi, Uttranchal for inclusion of '**Ranwalta Jaunpuri Community**' caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttarakhand.

2. Public Hearing

The Uttarakhand Bench of the Commission consisting of Justice S.Ratnavel Pandian, Hon'ble Chairman, Shri Subbha Somu and Shri Ram Awadesh Singh, Hon'ble Member and Shri S.K. Purkayastha, Hon'ble Member Secretary held a public hearing in respect of this request at Dehradun on 20th June, 2007. At the Public Hearing, the Government of Uttarakhand was represented by Shri R.C. Pathak, Director, Social Welfare, State Backward Classes Commission was represented by Shri Kunwar Praveen Singh "Champion", Chairman, Sardar Bhag Singh & Capt. J.B. Karki, Vice Chairman, Shri B.L. Arya, Secretary, Shri Roop Chandra Shastri, Smt. Geeta Kashyap and Smt. Madhu Thapa, Members.

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3. The position with regard to this caste/community as reflected in different lists is as follows:-

Mandal List	-	Entry No	Nil
State List	-	Entry No.	83.Rawanlata/Jaunpuri Community
Central List	-	Entry No	Nil

4. Shri Ghambhir Singh Rawat representative of Ranwalta Jaunpur Community appeared before the bench and stated that the caste/community is mainly residing in Uttarkashi District and Jaunsar Bhabhar of Tehri District of Uttarakhand. The area was under Tihri Riyashat before independence and become independent after 3 years in 1950. In 1967 the Jaunsar Bhabhar of Tihri District was declared as Scheduled tribes area. They had also requested to declare their area as Scheduled Tribes and submitted the survey report to the Central Govt. in 1984 and again in 2001 requested the Uttarakhand Govt. to appeal the Central Govt. to declare it as Scheduled Tribe area. He further stated that the main occupation of this community is agriculture. In services their figure is nil. They are educationally backward. They have been included in State list in 2003. They are the most backward community of Uttarakhand. No one is in central services as well as in State Services.

5. Shri Kedar Singh Rawat, MLA, Yamnotri appeared before the Commission and stated that they have requested the Govt. to include them as Scheduled Tribes as Jaunsar Bhabhar area of Tehri Garhwal was declared as Scheduled Tribe area on the recommendation of the Uttar Pradesh Govt. He also stated the Ranwalta people have social relationship with Jaunsari People of Jaunsar Bhabhar who are declared as ST. The population of the caste is around 3,00,000. After notifying as OBC in the State List 2% people are in State Govt. Service.

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6. Findings

From the evidence and documents presented at the time of public hearing and also on a perusal of ethnographic literature by eminent authors, the Bench finds that the “**Ranwalta Jaunpuri Community**” caste/community of Uttarakhand is a socially backward class in Uttarakhand. Their main occupation is agriculture but most of them are landless. In services their figure is nil and they are educationally backward. Therefore, the “**Ranwalta Jaunpuri Community**” be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttarakhand and the entry will be as follows:-

4. **Ranwalta Jaunpuri Community**


(Justice S. Ratnavel Pandian)
Chairman


(Subbha Somu)
Member


(Ram Awadesh Singh)
Member


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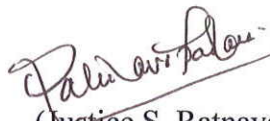

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7. Advice of the Commission

The Commission considered and agreed in full with the above findings of the Uttarakhand Bench and decided to tender the following advice to the Central Government under section 9(i) of the NCBC Act, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act :-

“Ranwalta Jaunpuri Community” be included at entry No.3 in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttarakhand and the entry will be as follows:-

4. “Ranwalta Jaunpuri Community”



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