

NCBC Advice No 74/Maharashtra/ 2011

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Justice M. N. Rao, Chairperson

Shri. S. K. Kharventhan, Member

Shri. Deepak Katole, Member

Smt. Chitra Chopra, Member Secretary

Case: Request for Inclusion of "SANYASI" as synonym of GOSAVI" in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for State of Maharashtra.

I. Request:

1. The Government of Maharashtra has requested the NCBC for inclusion of "SANYASI" as synonym of Gosavi" caste/community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Maharashtra. The same was considered by the NCBC during the Public Hearing held at Mumbai on the 30th May & 1st June 2011.

II. Findings:

2. The State Government of Maharashtra has requested the NCBC for inclusion of 'SANYASI' as synonym of Gosavi in the Central List of

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OBCs for the State of Maharashtra. Why the Government wants such inclusion has not been stated. The advice of the Maharashtra State Backward Classes Commission has not been produced before us.

3. It is difficult, to conceive of 'SANYASI' as a backward class. For that matter there cannot be a family for a SANYASI; SANYASI is one who has denounced the wordly order and became an ascetic or mendicant eking out livelihood by collecting alms from the householders. It defies imagination that SANYASI could become a family man and there could be clusters of families of SANYASIS claming for the benefits that are allowed by the Constitution to the socially and educationally backward classes under Article 15(4) and 16(4) of the Constitution of India. In none of the representations given to us including Mr. Giri Vilas Balgir, who was present at the time of public hearing, no credible case is made out for recognizing SANYASI as a backward class. In the circumstances, the request of the State Government is rejected.

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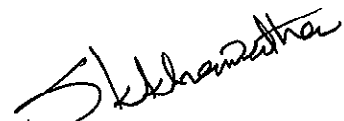
III. Advice of the Commission

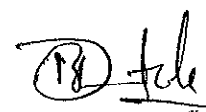
4. The Commission considered all the aspects and decided to tender the following advice to the Central Government under Section 9 (1) of the NCBC Act, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9 (2) of the NCBC Act:-

"Sanyasi as synonym of Gosavi" be rejected.


19.7.11

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