

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Justice M. N. Rao, Chairperson

Shri. S. K. Kharventhan, Member

Shri. Deepak Katole, Member

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Case: Request for Inclusion of "SHARADAKAR/ SHARDAKAR/ SHARDAKAL/BALASANTU as synonyms of Masanjogi" in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for State of Maharashtra.

I. Request:

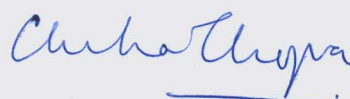
1. The Government of Maharashtra has requested the NCBC for inclusion of "SHARADAKAR/SHARDAKAR/SHARDAKAL/BALASANTU as synonyms of Masanjogi" caste/community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Maharashtra. The same was considered by the NCBC during the Public Hearing held at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

II. Findings:

2. In the Central List of OBCs for the State of Maharashtra at Sl.No. 203 MASANJOGI community is mentioned. The State Government of Maharashtra on the basis of the advice tendered by the State Commission for Backward Classes has requested the NCBC to treat SHARADAKAR/ SHARDAKAR/SHARDAKAL/ BALASANTU as synonyms of Masanjogi. Traditionally Masanjogi are mendicant-beggars who seek alms in Hindu burial grounds as per the Ethnographic Account stated in the People of India

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All Communities at page 2247. The State Commission has recorded a finding that SHARADAKAR/ SHARDAKAR/ SHARDAKAL/ BALASANTU are synonyms of Masanjogi. In the circumstances, the request of the State Government is accepted and the aforesaid communities SHARADAKAR/SHARDAKAR/SHARDAKAL/BALASANTU be included in the Central List of OBCs at Sl.No. 203 next to Masanjogi.

III. Advice of the Commission

3. 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:-

“SHARADAKAR/SHARDAKAR/SHARDAKAL/BALASANTU as synonyms of Masanjogi” be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of Maharashtra at entry No. 203, as follows:-

“203. Masanjogi, Sudgadsiddha, Mapanjogi, **Sharadakar, Shardakar, Shardakal, Balasantu**”



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