

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Uttar Pradesh Bench

FINDINGS

Case: Request for inclusion of 'Unai Sahu' caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh.

1. **Request**

This case arises from the request received in this Commission from Dr. Jawahar Lal, President, All India Unai Sahu Mahasabha (Regd.), Deoria, U.P. for inclusion of 'Unai Sahu' in the Central list of Backward classes for Uttar Pradesh.

2. **Public Hearing**

The Uttar Pradesh Bench of the Commission consisting of Hon'ble Justice Shri R.S. Singh, Chairperson, Smt. Neera Shastri and Dr. B. Baburao Verma Hon'ble Members held a public hearing in respect of this request at Lucknow on 17th December, 2004. At the public hearing, the State Government was represented by Shri Jagganath Yadav, Hon'ble Chairman and Shri R.B. Mishra, Secretary, State Backward Classes Commission of Uttar Pradesh. The Unai Sahu caste/community was represented by Dr. Jawahar Lal, President, All India Unai Sahu Mahasabha (Reg.), Deoria, U.P. and others.

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3.	Entry in	Mandal List	:	Nil
		State List	:	Nil
		Central List	:	Nil

Dr. Jawahar Lal stated that most of the people in their community are illiterate, only a few are literate and due to ignorance and illiteracy they could not apply for inclusion in the Backward Classes List for so many years. Now they have applied for inclusion and requested the Hon'ble Commission that keeping in view the condition of the people of the caste/community, their caste may be included in the Central List of OBCs for the State of U.P.

W.Crooke, "Tribes and Castes of North Western India", Vol.IV, pp.423.

“Unai, Unaya” – ‘A sub-caste of Banyas chiefly found to the east of the Province. They take their name from their dih or place of origin, Unao. To the east they have formed two

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endogamous groups : the Unai and Unawa Unai, the latter of whom are held in higher estimation because they prohibit widow marriage. They are practically all Hindus, the Jains being very few among them’.

6. The Bench observed that the caste/community is linked with traditional occupation of weighing of food grains. Some of the members of the community sell grains on footpath for their livelihood. Their caste/community is at par with other castes like Teli, Kalwar, Tamoli, etc. which already find place in the Central List of OBCs. They are socially and educationally backward. As such “Unai Sahu” deserve to be included in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Uttar Pradesh.

7. 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 “Unai Sahu” caste/community of Uttar Pradesh is akin to the Tamoli of Uttar Pradesh and is a socially backward class in Uttar Pradesh whose traditional occupation was Business (measurement of grains). Therefore, the “Unai Sahu” be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh as follows:-

 “Unai Sahu”


(Justice Ram Surat Singh)


(Neera Shastri)


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8. Advice of the Commission

The Commission considered and agreed in full with the above findings of the Uttar Pradesh 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 :-

“Unai Sahu” be included at entry No. **75** in the central list of backward classes for Uttar Pradesh as follows:-

75. “Unai Sahu”


(Justice Ram Surat Singh)


(M.S. Matharoo)


(Neera Shastri)


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