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NCBC Advice No. 203-216/Karnataka/2012

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Dear Sir,

I am sending herewith Advices of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9 (1) of the National Commission for Backward Classes Act 1993, regarding the following castes/communities:-

1. Kalavanthi (inclusion);
2. Kodagaru (rejection);
3. Raya Rawath, Ravat (inclusion);
4. Daveri (inclusion);
5. Garudi, Garudiga, Garadiga (inclusion);
6. Andi, Andipandaram (inclusion);
7. Bolahallala, Ballala (rejection);
8. Bhatial, Bhattia (rejection);
9. Banagara (inclusion);
10. Somavamsha Sahasrarjuna Kshatriya (inclusion);
11. Sadaru, Sadumata, Sadkula, Sadar, Sadu Gowda, Sadu Gowdar, Sadara, Sadari, and Sadara Gowda (rejection);
12. Gamalla (inclusion);
13. Agnivanni (inclusion); and
14. Agni Vamsha Kshatriya (inclusion).

for the State of Karnataka, duly authenticated, for necessary action by the Central Government under section 9 (2) of the Act.

With warm personal regards,

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Yours sincerely,

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(Dr. Shyam Agarwal)

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Hon'ble Shri Justice M.N.Rao, Chairperson

Hon'ble Shri S.K.Kharventhan, Member

Hon'ble Shri Deepak Katole, Member

Hon'ble Dr. Shakeel uz-Zaman Ansari, Member

Case: Request for Inclusion of "KALAVANTHI" as a synonym of BHOGAM/TELUGA Caste in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Karnataka.

I. Request:

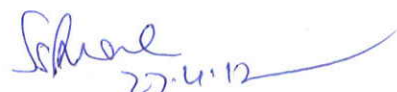
1. The State Government of Karnataka has requested the NCBC for inclusion of 'KALAVANTHI' as a synonym of BHOGAM/TELUGA community/caste in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Karnataka.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

2. The Commission consisting of Justice Shri M. N. Rao, Hon'ble Chairperson, Shri S. K. Kharventhan, Hon'ble Member, Shri Deepak Katole, Hon'ble Member and Dr. Shakeel uz-Zaman Ansari, Hon'ble Member, held a Public Hearing in respect of the request of the State Government for inclusion of 'KALAVANTHI' caste as a synonym of BHOGAM/TELUGA caste in the Central List of OBCs for the State of

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Karnataka on 14th & 15th March, 2012. At the Public Hearing, the State Government was represented by Shri Shantaraj, Member-Secretary, Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes.

III. Findings

3. In the Central List of OBCs at Sl.No.167, the following communities are mentioned:-

"Balija, Balajiga, Banajiga, Bale Balajiga, Dasa Banajiga, Naidu, Bhogam/Teluga, Telaga Balija, Teluga Banajiga, Setty Balija, Setty Banajiga, Kasban, Mannur/Munnar, Mutrasi, Matracha, Janappan, Balegara, Lingayat Balegala/Baleshettaru".

4. In support of the request of the State Government, a note prepared by the State Backward Classes Commission dealing with this caste was placed before us. In the said note, there is a reference about the description of Kalavanth caste in Castes and Tribes of Southern India by Thurston and Rangachari appearing at Vol.III page No.47:

"Kalavant – The Kalavants are dancers and singers, who, like other dancing girls, are courtesans. The name occurs not only in South Canara, but also in the Telugu country".

5. In the State List, by Government Order No.SWD 225 BCA 2000 dated 30th March, 2002, under Category I at Sl.No.13, the following castes are shown:

" (a) Devadasi, (b) Basavi, (c) Bhavin, (d) Bogam, (e) Ganika, (f) Kalavant, (g) Nat, (h) Natuva, (i) Patramela."

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6. The Central List of OBCs at SI.No.167, mentions several castes, whose traditional occupations are dissimilar and different and so we have genuine doubts whether those castes are really synonyms of Balija caste. But, we cannot go into this controversy for the self evident reason that no complaint was filed before us and no request was made by the State Government. However, we are of the view that since Kalavanthi is a synonym of Devadasi who are also known as Bhogam, the same may be treated as synonym of Bhogam.

7. Devadasis system is a slur on Hindu religion. Girls of this community are dedicated to the temples and they are forced to remain unmarried, with the consequence, sexual favours are obtained from them by the general public for monetary consideration. Dealing with this caste, Justice O.Chinnappa Reddy Commission has observed as follows:-

"The Devadasi community is an unfortunate relic of the shameful past of Indian society. It is the 'Dancing-girl' community and many of the members of the community do not even like to give the name of their community. The very profession which their ancestors carried on gave them a low social status and after the disappearance of feudal rulers and Zamindars the community has lost its patrons and is now economically also in distress. It is very difficult to obtain statistics about the community but there can be no doubt about the backwardness of the community.

Earlier while analysing SSLC-appeared and SSLC-passed candidates of each community I had mentioned that the following communities can straightway be classified as Socially and Educationally Backward"

8. Kalavant is another name for Devadasi which fact has already been recognized by the State Government by issuing the aforesaid G.O. In the

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circumstances, the request of the State Government is accepted and we recommend for inclusion of the caste/community 'Kalavanthi' in the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of Karnataka as an addition at Sl.No.167.

IV. 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, 1993 for necessary action under Section 9(2) of the NCBC Act:-

"The caste "KALAVANTHI" be included as a synonym of BHOGAM/TELUGA at entry no. 167 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Karnataka as follows:

"167. Balija, Balajiga, Banajiga, Bale Balajiga, Dasa Banajiga, Naidu, Bhogam / Teluga/ **Kalavanthi** (कलवंती), Telaga Balija, Teluga Banajiga, Setty Balija, Setty Banajiga, Kasban, Mannur/Munnar, Mutrasi, Matracha, Janappan, Balegara, Lingayat Balegala / Baleshettaru."



(Justice M. N. Rao)

Chairperson



(S. K. Kharventhan)

Member



(Deepak Katole)

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