

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 "RAYA RAWATH, RAVAT" 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 'RAYA RAWATH, RAVAT' caste/community 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 'RAYA RAWATH, RAVAT' castes in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Karnataka on 14th & 15th March, 2012.

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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 Mandal List at Sl.No.264, Rawat, Raya, Rewath are mentioned. In the State List of Backward Classes, it is mentioned under category I at Sl.No.43 (a) Raya Rawath (b) Ravat. The State Government has requested the NCBC for inclusion of the community RAYA RAWATH, RAVAT in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Karnataka on the ground that the earlier Commissions viz. Havanur and Justice O.Chinnappa Reddy recommended this community for inclusion in the list of Backward Classes.

4. So far as Justice O.Chinnappa Reddy Commission is concerned, the learned Judge has stated in Vol.I at page 138 as under:

“Rayarawath is a small community with an estimated population of 2,591 (0.0059%). Their traditional occupation is employment in the cavalry and as servants of the ruling class. They were included among backward classes by the Havanur Commission for 15(4) and not 16(4) and among backward castes by the Venkataswamy Commission. The percentage of SSLC appeared and SSLC passed was quite high. They were able to secure 2 admissions into post-graduate institutions. Having regard to their low social status (misprint)”.

5. The occupation of the people belonging to this community being service under the ruling classes, which occupation now has disappeared since there are presently no ruling classes. The total population of this

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community as per Justice O.Chinnappa Reddy Commission's report is 2591. Although at the SSLC level the percentage appears to be higher than the State average, the community could not send more than two candidates for admission into post-graduate institutions.

6. So far as educational level of a community for the purpose of enlistment in the list of Backward Classes is concerned, we cannot take a rigid attitude going by the percentage of success at matriculation level. It appears that the community has not made any progress in the educational level at post-graduate level. Its social backwardness is already evident from what was found by Havanur and Justice O.Chinnappa Reddy Commissions.

7. In the circumstances, we are of the view that this community deserves to be included in the Central List of OBCs for the purpose of Articles 15(4) and 16(4) of the Constitution of India. We therefore recommend that the caste/community 'RAYA RAWATH, RAVAT' be included in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Karnataka.

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IV. ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION

8. 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/community "RAYA RAWATH, RAVAT" be included at entry no. 196 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Karnataka as follows:

"196. Raya Rawath, Ravat"

(राया रावत, रावत)



(Justice M. N. Rao)

Chairperson



(S. K. Kharventhan)

Member



(Deepak Katole)

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