

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 "BOLAHALLALA, BALLALA" caste/community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Karnataka.

I. Request:

1. The Government of Karnataka has made a request to the NCBC for inclusion of 'BOLAHALLALA, BALLALA' 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 'BOLAHALLALA, BALLALA' castes in the

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Central List of OBCs for the State of 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 State List under Category II (A) at Sl.No.84 (a) Bollahallala (b) Ballala, castes are included. The State Government has stated that the Havanur Commission has recommended these communities for inclusion in the State List of Backward Classes and accordingly it was mentioned at Sl.No.23.

4. In spite of wide publicity, no representative of the community was present to put forth their views.

5. In the Ethnographic Account – People of India – All Communities at pages 232-233, we find that “there is a proverb that, when a Bant becomes powerful, he becomes a Ballal”. Their traditional occupation is cultivation.

6. No material is placed before us by the State Government as to why and on what basis these communities be classified as socially and educationally backward for the purpose of Article 15(4) and a backward class for the purpose of Article 16(4).

7. On an earlier occasion, the NCBC has rejected the request for inclusion of Bunt alias Nadava community in the Central List of OBCs for the State of

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Karnataka. When 'Bunts' who are at a lower level vis-à-vis 'Ballals' were found to be not socially and educationally backward, there are no strong and compelling reasons to hold that 'Ballal' is a socially and educationally backward class.

8. Having regard to the fact that these are advanced communities which do not suffer from any social or educational backwardness, we are not inclined to include the castes/communities BOLAHALLALA, BALLALA in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Karnataka. The request of the State Government of Karnataka for inclusion of the castes/communities 'BOLAHALLALA, BALLALA' is therefore, rejected.

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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:-

Request for inclusion of “**BOLAHALLALA, BALLALA**” castes/communities be **rejected** as they are not socially and educationally backward communities.

(Justice M. N. Rao)

Chairperson

(S. K. Kharventhan)

Member

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