

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 "AGNIVANNI" as a synonym of TIGALA caste/community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Karnataka.

I. Request:

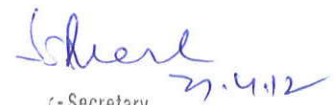
1. The State Government of Karnataka has requested the NCBC for inclusion of the caste/community 'AGNIVANNI' as a synonym of 'Tigala' caste/community in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Karnataka

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 'AGNIVANNI' as a synonym of TIGALA

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community in the 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 of Backward Classes under Category II(A) at Sl.No.10 (c) Agnivanni is included along with other communities.

4. Justice O.Chinnappa Reddy in his report at page 173 Vol. I has included the synonym 'Agnivanni' along with the caste/community 'Tigala'. In the Castes and Tribes of Southern India by Edgar Thurston Vol. VII page 29, it is stated at page 31 that "Thigala calls themselves Agni Vanni".

5. In view of this authoritative evidence, we recommend that the caste/community 'AGNIVANNI' be included as synonym of 'Tigala' and be added at Entry No.145 in the Central List of OBCs for the State of Karnataka.

6. In the Central List of OBCs for the State of Karnataka in Entry 145, the website of NCBC mentions 'Vannikula, Kshatriya' giving the impression that 'Kshatriya' caste also is covered by entry 145. Actually 'Vannikula Kshatriya' is one caste and there is no coma between 'Vannikula and Kshatriya'. If it is not corrected, there is every possibility of 'Kshatriya' community people taking advantage of the entry in the website for claiming the benefits as OBCs. The Official Gazette correctly mentions 'Vannikula

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corrected removing the coma between 'Vannikula and Kshatriya' and it should be read as 'Vannikula Kshatriya'.

IV. ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION

7. 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 "AGNIVANNI" be included as a synonym of TIGALA at entry no. 145. in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Karnataka as follows:

"145. Tigala, Thigala, Tigler, Vannikula Kshatriya, Vanniya, Vanniyar, Vannia Gounder, Gounder / Gownder, Padayachi, Kander, Shambhukula Kshatriya, Agnikula Kshatriya, Dharmaraju Kapu, Kurovan, Palli, **Agnivanni** (अग्निवन्नी)."



(Justice M. N. Rao)

Chairperson



(S. K. Kharventhan)

Member



(Deepak Katole)

Member



(Dr. Shakeel uz-Zaman Ansari)

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