

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Hon'ble Justice V. Eswaraiah, Chairperson

Hon'ble Shri S. K. Kharventhan, Member

Hon'ble Shri A.K.Saini, Member

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

Hon'ble Shri A.K.Mangotra, Member-Secretary

Case: Request for Inclusion of caste/community 'Rajbhar' as synonym of 'Bhar' caste / community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Uttarakhand.

I. Request

1. The NCBC received letters dated 10.01.2012, 31.12.2012 and 03.05.2013 from the Uttarakhand State Backward Classes Commission, requesting the NCBC for inclusion of caste/community 'Rajbhar' as synonym of 'Bhar' caste / community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Uttarakhand. NCBC vide letters dated 02.03.2012, 02.08.2012 and 07.02.2013 sought the survey report, advices and other information available from the Uttarakhand Backward Classes Commission to consider the case. In response, Uttarakhand Backward Classes Commission informed vide letter dated 02.05.2013

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that this caste is adopted from Uttar Pradesh State List of OBCs. The matter was placed in the VII Commission's 16th Meeting held on 25.07.2014 and it was decided to conduct a Public Hearing in the State of Uttarakhand in the month of November, 2014. After consultation with the State Government, the date for the Public Hearing was fixed on 12th November 2014 at 1000 Hours. Accordingly, a Public Notice was published in the local Newspapers on 09.11.2014 in English and Hindi languages to examine the request for inclusion of the caste/ community 'Rajbhar' as synonym of 'Bhar' caste / community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Uttarakhand.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

2. The Commission consisting of Justice V. Eswaraiah, Hon'ble Chairperson, Shri S. K. Kharventhan, Hon'ble Member, Shri A.K.Saini, Hon'ble Member, Dr. Shakeel uz-Zaman Ansari, Hon'ble Member and Shri A.K.Mangotra, Hon'ble Member-Secretary held a Public Hearing at Dehradun on 12th November, 2014 for inclusion of caste/ community 'Rajbhar' as synonym of 'Bhar' caste / community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Uttarakhand.

3. The State Government requested for inclusion of this caste in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Uttarakhand as the same is already included in the Uttarakhand State Backward Classes List.

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III. FACTS

4. 'Rajbhar' caste/community was included in the State List of Backward Classes of Uttar Pradesh vide G.O.No.882/64-1-99-33/97 dated 28-5-1999. After the formation of the State Government of Uttarakhand, it adopted the State List of Backward Classes of Uttar Pradesh vide its Notification No.371/XXX(2)/2010 dated 22-3-2010 and included the caste/community 'Rajbhar' in the State List of Backward Classes at Sl.No.37 alongwith 'Bhar' caste.

In the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Uttarakhand 'Bhar' caste is included at Entry No.16.

In the Mandal List of Uttar Pradesh at Sr. No. 23 "Bhar" caste/community is included.

5. In the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the States of Bihar at Entry No.105, Jharkhand at Entry No.96, Punjab at Entry No.65, Gujarat at Entry No.83 and Haryana at Entry No.70, the castes/communities 'Bhar', 'Rajbhar' are included.

6. At the time of Public Hearing, Mr. Subhash Chandra Rajbhar representing this caste/community appeared before the Commission and stated that 'Bhar' and 'Rajbhar' are one and the same castes and they are socially and educationally backward. He has further stated that in five States, the castes/communities 'Bhar', 'Rajbhar' are included in the

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Central List of Other Backward Classes but in the State of Uttarakhand 'Rajbhar' caste/community is not included and therefore the Authorities are not issuing Central OBC Certificate to them. He further stated that their traditional occupation is agriculture and they are attending on the daily agricultural labour and they have also migrated to the neighbouring States for labour. In some States 'Rajbhar' is also known as 'Bhar'. He requested the Commission to include the caste 'Rajbhar' alongwith 'Bhar' caste/community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Uttarakhand at Entry No.16.

IV. FINDINGS

7. The Commission is of the opinion that as nobody objected about their social and educational backwardness, 'Bhar' and 'Rajbhar' are one and the same caste and they are called in some places as 'Bhar' and in some other places as 'Rajbhar', whose traditional occupation is the same. In the States of Bihar, Jharkhand, Punjab, Gujarat and Haryana, both 'Bhar' and 'Rajbhar' castes/communities are included in the Central List of OBCs, the Commission recommends the inclusion of 'Rajbhar' caste/community as synonym of 'Bhar' caste/community at Entry No.16 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Uttarakhand.

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V. 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 for necessary action:-

“The caste/community ‘Rajbhar’ as synonym of ‘Bhar’ caste / community be included at Entry No. 16 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the State of Uttarakhand as follows:

“16. Bhar, Rajbhar (राजभर)”


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