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DO NCBC Advice No. 15 Orissa/97

26. 12. 1997

Dear Shri Baksi,

I am sending herewith the Advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section ((1) of the National Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993 for inclusion of "Bangali Tanti/Bangiya Tanti" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act.

With Christmas & New Year Greetings,

Yours sincerely

(P.S. KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated

Shri K.K. Baksi
Secretary
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NEW DELHI

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

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FINDINGS

PER SHRI SAHU AKSHAYA BHAI, HON'BLE MEMBER

Case : Request for Inclusion of "Bangali Tanti/Bangiya Tanti" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa as a synonym of "Hansi, Tanti,....."

I. Request

This case of inclusion in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa of "Bangali Tanti/Bangiya Tanti" arises out of the Requests received in this Commission from :-

- (i) Shri Gobinda Gopal Sen,
Rausa Patna Bunkara Sangha,
Cuttack-1
- (ii) Shri Kishore Prasad Sil,
At Bagurai, P.O. Madhab Nagar,
Bhadrak, Orissa.

II. Public Hearing

- 2. The 2-Member Orissa Bench of the Commission, consisting

of Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai, Hon'ble Member, NCBC and Prof. U.P. Singh, Hon'ble Member, NCBC held a Public Hearing at Bhubaneswar on 7.8.97 inter-alia to examine the Request for inclusion of Bangali Tanti/Bangiya Tanti. At the Public Hearing the State Government was represented by S/Shri Ramesh Ch. Patro, Director OBC-Cum-Jt. Secretary Welfare Deptt. and P. Ranjan Giri, Dy. Secretary. Shri Manoranjan Mishra, Member-Secretary and Shri Akshaya Kumar Pani, Administrative Officer represented the Orissa Backward Classes Commission. The community was represented by Shri Pratap Chandra Das, Rausa Patna Bunkara Sangh, Cuttack, Orissa.

III. Facts

3. The relevant entries in different lists of Backward Classes for Orissa are as follows :-

(i) State List

50. Hansi, Dera, Dewanga, Kosta,
Vina, Tulabhina, Tanti, Patsalia,
Buna, Rangani, Bunakara, Salia,
Sukuli

Govt. of Orissa
Resolution,
Dated. 10.9.93

50. Mativansa Tanti, Asina Tanti,
Aswina Tanti, Ashani Tanti,
Aswinna Tanti, Bangali Tanti/
Bangiya Tanti

Govt. of Orissa,
Resolution
Dated. 16.12.95

(ii) Mandal List

67. Hansi
203. Sulia
204. Sukuli, Tanti
221. Vina, Tulavina

(iii) Central List

"48. Hansi, Tanti, Sukuli, Vina, Tulabhina, Rangani"

4. In the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa Prepared and Published for Orissa in October, 1994 against sl.no.48. Hansi, Tanti, Sukuli, Vina, Tulabhina, have been taken on the basis of commonality in the State List and Mandal List. Rangani was included in Central List of Backward Classes as synonym on the basis of advice given by the Commission vide Resolution S.O.no. 12011/96/94, dated 9.3.96. As noted above Bangali Tanti and Bangiya Tanti have been included in the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes as synonym vide Orissa Govt's Resolution dated 16.12.1995 against State Govt's entry no. 50.

5. Rausa Patna Bunakara Sangha, Cuttack, has submitted the filled-up questinnaire and have given the following justification for inclusion of these cases in the Central List of Backward Classes.

(i) The caste/community is spread all over the state.

(ii) The main occupation is weaving, which mainly involve manual labour for wages.

(iii) The traditional craft is weaving, which accounts for over 90% of population.

(iv) Over 90% of the population of the caste/community are manual labourers.

(v) Less than 10% are working against class III (clerical) and class IV posts.

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(vi) 90% of the families live in 'Kachcha houses' and 10% in 'Pucca houses'

(vii) The caste/community is backward owing to low income and lack of education. The condition has been deteriorating during the last twenty years due to failure of traditional occupation and lack of alternative employment.

(viii) "Bangali Tanti/Bangiya Tanti" have already been included in the State Backward Classes List of Orissa vide Govt. of Orissa, Resolution dated. 16.12.95.

6. H.H. Risley in his book "The Tribes and Castes of Bengal" (Firma Mukhopadhyay, Calcutta, India, 1981, vol. I pp.313-314) has described Hansi "A title of Tantis in Bengal and a section of Majraut Goalas in Behar"/Hansi-Tanti "A sub-caste of Tantis in Orissa". According to Risley Tanti which is bracketed with Tantrabaya, Tanta-baya, Tatwa, Tanta-wa, is the weaver caste of Bengal and Bihar probably a functional group developed under the pressure of the natural demand for woven cloth. He further mentions another class of Tanti called Banga Tanti Settled in Eastern Bengal.

7. "According to Dr. Wise..... another class of Tantis, called Banga-Tantis, settled in Eastern Bengal. These are quite distinct from the city weavers, and claim to be the descendants of the original Tantis of Bengal, who supplied the people with cotton fabrics for ages even before the reign of Jahangir. Although the superiority which they claim over the Basaks is not conceded, there can be little doubt that these Banga Tantis were earlier settlers in Bengal than their rivals. The Banga Tantis are chiefly settled at Dhamrai, an old town about twenty miles north of Dacca, where they occupy about two hundred and fifty houses. Their bridal dresses are white and not of red or other coloured silk, as is the case with Dacca weavers....." (Source : "The Tribes & Castes of Bengal" Risley, vol.II.p.296)

8. H.H. Risley in his "The Tribes and Castes of Bengal, vol.II, p.301" has noted "Although Tantis admit weaving to be their immemorial profession, many of them have of late years been driven by the influx of cheap machine made goods to betake themselves to agriculture. These cultivating Tantis are for the most part occupancy raiyats, or small tenure holders, but in the Murshedabad district a member of the caste owns the zamindari right in a large property. It is difficult or impossible to say with any approach to accuracy what proportion of the caste have abandoned their original craft in favour of trade or agriculture. The Uttarkul Tantis of Western Bengal have on the whole adhered to weaving, and it is popularly believed that their comparative poverty is mainly due to their attachment to the traditional occupation of the caste..."

9. During the Public Hearing those present who were from different sections of society confirmed that Bangali Tanti/Bangiya Tanti are synonyms of "Hansi, Tanti...." They also supported the proposed inclusion of these synonyms of "Hansi, Tanti...." in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa. The representatives of State Government supported addition of these synonyms in the Central List of Backward Classes.

IV-Findings

10. From the above evidence, it is the finding of the Bench that Bangali Tanti/Bangiya Tanti are synonyms of "Hansi, Tanti...." which is included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa at entry no.48 and they together constitute a socially and educationally Backward Class. Synonyms of an existing entry in the Central List are covered by para 9 of the Procedural Clarification on the NCBC's "Guidelines for consideration of Requests for inclusion and complaints of under-inclusion in the Central List of Backward Classes". Therefore, these synonyms should be included at entry no. 48 of the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa, and the amended

entry after the inclusion of these synonyms be read as follows:-

"48. Hansi,
Tanti,
Sukuli,
Vina,
Tulabhina,
Rangani,
Dera,
Dewanga,
Kosta,
Salia,
Patsalia,
Buna,
Bunakar/Bunakara,
Bangali Tanti/Bangiya Tanti

'४८. हंसी,
तान्ती,
सुकूली,
वीना,
तुलाभीना,
रंगानी,
डेरा,
देवंगा,
कोस्टा,
सालिया,
पटसालिया,
बुना,
बुनकर/बुनकरा,
बंगाली तान्ती/बंगिया तान्ती'

(U.P. SINGH) 23/12/97

(SAHU AKSHAYA BHAI) 23.12.97

V-Advice of the Commission

11. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the above Findings of the Orissa Bench and decided, to tender the following Advice to the Central Government in terms of section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993:-

Bangali Tanti/Bangiya Tanti be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa as synonyms of "Hansi, Tanti....." at entry no. 48 and after the inclusion of these

synonyms, the amended entry be read as follows :-

"48. Hansi, Tanti, Sukuli, Vina, Tulabhina, Rangani, Dera, Dewanga, Kosta, Salia, Patsalia, Buna, Bunakar/Bunakara, Bangali Tanti/Bangiya Tanti"

'४८. हांसी, तान्ती, सुकूली, वीना, तुलाभीना, रंगानी, डेरा, देवंगा, कोस्त्य, सालिया, पटसालिया, बुना, बुनकर/बुनकरा, बंगाली तान्ती/बंगिया तान्ती'

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23.11.97

H. S. Kishan

24.12.97

Govt. Secy
23.12.97

P. K. Shyamsundar

26.12/97

JUSTICE P. K. SHYAMSUNDAR
Chairperson
National Commission For
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Government of India
New Delhi.

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SECRETARY
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V. Advice of the Commission

12. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the above Findings of the Andhra Pradesh Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993, for action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act:-

"Kasi Kapadi" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Andhra Pradesh at entry no. 100 as follows:-

English Hindi Telugu
"100. Kasi Kapadi" "100. काशी कापड़ि" "100. కాశీ కాపడి"

13. In view of the difficulties faced by the members of Backward Classes in getting Backward Class certificates for the period prior to the Notification, a proviso should be included in the Notification to be issued that "the Notification will take effect from 8.9.1993", the date from which reservation for Backward Classes in the Central Services came into effect.

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