

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Hon'ble Justice M. N. Rao, Chairperson

Hon'ble Shri S. K. Kharventhan, Member

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

Case: Request for Inclusion of "BERRER" as synonym of BARRA caste / community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

I. Request:

1. The Social Welfare Department of the Union Territory of Chandigarh has requested NCBC to include the caste/community BERRER as synonym of BARRA in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

2. The Commission consisting of Justice M. N. Rao, Hon'ble Chairperson, Shri S. K. Kharventhan, Hon'ble Member and Dr. Shakeel uz-Zaman Ansari, Hon'ble Member, held a Public Hearing at Chandigarh to consider the request of the State Government for inclusion of "BERRER" as synonym of BARRA caste / community in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the Union Territory of Chandigarh on 12th March, 2013. The State Government was represented by Ms. Purna Puri,

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Additional Secretary, Personnel Department, Shri Vinod P. Kark, A.D.C. Chandigarh, Ms. Tanvi Garg, I.A.S., SDM (East), Chandigarh, Ms. Amandeep Kaur, SDM (S), Chandigarh, Shri Rajesh Jogpal, Director, Social Welfare Department, Shri Upkar Singh DPI (S), Chandigarh, Ms. Suman Khanna, Sr. Asst. O/O SDM (East); and Shri Bikram Singh Rana, SLO UT of Chandigarh

III Findings

3. At the time of public hearing held at Chandigarh on 12th March, 2013, no member of the community was present to support the request of the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

4. In the UT List of Other Backward Classes the community is described at SI.No.2 as BERRER/BARRA. In the Mandal List the community mentioned at SI.No.6 is BARRA. The same is mentioned at Entry No.5 of the Central List of OBCs for the UT of Chandigarh.

5. Long before the Mandal Commission's recommendations, the Union Territory Administration of Chandigarh by Notification dated 6th October, 1979 has included at SI.No.2 BERRER as a Backward Community. Obviously for a considerable period of time, it was realized that BARRA is a synonym of BERRER and that is the reason why BARRA found a place. That does not mean that the caste BERRER is totally displaced. When the Administration of Union Territory of Chandigarh is satisfied that BERRER is a synonym of BARRA and accordingly included it in the UT List at SI.No.2, we do not find any justifiable reason to differ from that view. Accordingly, we recommend that BERRER be declared as synonym of BARRA and included at Entry No.5 in the Central List of OBCs for the Union Territory of Chandigarh along with BARRA caste.

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IV. ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION

6. 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 under Section 9(2) of the NCBC Act:-

"The caste/community **"BERRER"** as synonym of **BARRA** be included at Entry No. 5 in the Central List of Other Backward Classes for the Union Territory of Chandigarh as follows:

"5. Barra, **Berrer**"



(Justice M. N. Rao)

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