

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes - Inclusion of "Vottuva Navithan", "Kongu Navithan" and "Aduthon" Communities in the State List of Other Backward Classes - Advice of the Commission - Accepted Orders issued.

SCHEDULED CASTES & SCH. TRIBES DEVELOPMENT (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (MS) No. 67/96/SCSTDD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram: 26.12.1996.

Read:-1. D.O. letter No. 454/C1/94/KSCBC dated 14.2.1996 from the Registrar, Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, Thiruvananthapuram.

2. G.O. MS. No. 142/78/GAD dated 15.3.1978.

ORDER

1. The Barber Communities Organisations, Calicut submitted a representation to the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes requesting to include 'Aduthon' and other communities who are engaged in the occupation of haircutting and shaving, in the State List of Other Backward Classes for reservation in public service. Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes conducted a preliminary hearing and asked the organisation to submit a representation specifying the different caste groups to be considered for inclusion. Accordingly, the organisation submitted two representations listing 'Aduthon', 'Navithan', 'Pariyari', 'Bhandari', 'Noklian' and 'Vottuvan' communities for inclusion in the list of Other Backward Classes. Sri. E. Sakthivel from Palakkad requested the Commission to include "Kongu Navithan" in the existing state list of Other Backward Classes.

2. Ananthakrishna Iyer, International Centre for Anthropological Studies (AICAS), Palakkad was requested to conduct a detailed study about seven Hindu Barber Communities. AICAS informed the Commission that 'Pariyari' and 'Noklian' are only synonyms of "Maruthuvar" and "Bhandari" already included in the State Other Backward Classes list. AICAS was asked to study and report about three communities namely 'Aduthon', 'Kongu Navithan' and 'Vottuva Navithan'.

3. Based on the study reports of AICAS, the evidence adduced during the hearings and the other records of the case, the Commission has come to the following conclusion in regard to the request of the Barber Communities Organisation:

1) Kongu Navithan

4. 'Kongu Navithan' community leads a life of bondsmen and they had only a very low status in social life. Economically and Educationally also this group is ranked very low. Hence the Commission advised Government that this group is to be included in the State Other Backward Classes list.

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(2) Vettuva Navithan

5. 'Vettuva Navithan' community belonged to untouchables. Socially and Economically the members of this community are rated very low and representation of this community in Government service is Nil. So the Commission advised Government to include Vettuva Navithan Community in the State list of Other Backward Classes.

(3) Aduthon

6. 'Aduthon' Community also belonged to untouchables. Their occupation made them socially and economically backward. Their representation in Government service is nil. Hence the Commission advised Government to include Aduthon Community in the State list of Other Backward Classes.

7. After considering the above aspects the Commission came to the conclusion that 'Kongu Navithan', 'Vettuva Navithan' and 'Aduthon' communities deserve the protection envisaged by Art 16 (4) of the Constitution and advised this Government under section 9(1) of the KSCEC Act 1993 to include these communities in the existing state list of Other Backward Classes for reservation of jobs in Public Services.

8. The advice of the Commission is ordinarily be binding on Government.

9. Government are pleased to accept the advice tendered by Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, contained in the Report, forwarded along with the letter read above under section 9(1) of the KSCEC Act, 1993 and order that "Kongu Navithan", "Vettuva Navithan" and "Aduthon" will also be included in the State list of other backward classes.

10. Necessary amendment to the Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules will be issued separately by the Personnel & Administrative Reforms (Advice C) Department.

By Order of the Governor,

C. CHANDRAN

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To

The Member Secretary, Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, Thiruvananthapuram (with CL)

The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission (with CL)

All District Collectors.

The Director of Public Relations.

The General Administration (SS) Department vide item No. 500 dated 18.12.1996.

The Private Secretary to Chief Minister

The Private Secretary to Minister (B&SC)

The C A to Secretary, Sch. Castes & Sch. Tribes Dev. Department.

The C A to Additional Secretary, SC & ST Dev. Department.

The C A to Joint Secretary, SC & ST Dev. Department.

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