



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Request for inclusion of Chakkala Nair Community in the State Other Backward Classes - Advice of the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes - Orders issued.

SC & ST DEVELOPMENT (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (MS) No. 77/98/SCSTDD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 10.8.1998

- Read:-
1. Letter No. MS.20723/94 dated 5.5.1994 from the District Collector, Kollam.
 2. Representation dated 29.9.1994 from Thunjan Seva Sangham, Perinad, Kollam.
 3. D.O. Letter No. 1063/C1/94/KCBC dated 29.6.1995 from the Member-Secretary, Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

Thunjan Seva Sangham, Kollam had submitted a representation before the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes to include Chakkala Nair Community in the State list of Other Backward Classes. An Office Order bearing No. 13/77 dated 23.4.1977 was issued by the Kerala Public Service Commission to the effect that 'Chakkala Nair' community will be treated as 'Chakkala' for the purpose of reservation in public services. The Commission conducted a hearing on this with the Secretary to Government and Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission. During the hearing the Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission informed the Commission, that the above said office order was issued on the strength of G.O. (MS) No. 498/64 dated 3.8.1964. As per the order issued by the Revenue Department Government have bracketed 'Chakkala Nair' with 'Chakkala' in the list of Other Backward Classes for the purpose of awarding educational concession from the Department of Harijan Welfare. This order was issued by the Revenue Department at a time when the administrative control of Harijan Welfare Department was vested with the Revenue Department. Again as per G.O. (P) No. 208/65 dated 2.5.1966 orders were issued relating to the reservation of seats in educational institutions in Kerala. In the annexure of the said Government Order 'Chakkala Nair' is seen bracketed with Chakkala.

2. The Office Order No. 13/77 dated 23.4.1977 of the Kerala Public Service Commission helps Chakkala Nair Community to avail reservation under OBC list. This office order of the Kerala Public Service Commission is not based on any Government Order.

3. Government have requested the Kerala Institute of Research Training and Development Studies to conduct a detailed

study on this issue and to furnish materials regarding the question whether Chakkala and Chakkala Nair are one and the same community. Accordingly they have furnished the information regarding this community to Government.

4. In their report they have informed Government that the community which deals with oil pressing and oil mongering as their traditional occupation has been known as Chakkala, Chakkan, Chakkala Nair, Vattakkadan, Vattakkad Nair, Vaniyan, Vanian Nair etc. Historians and ethnographers have classified Chakkala Community as an inferior sub division of the Nair Community. They do not have any commercial relationship with other sub divisions of the Nair community. They occupy a lower social position when compared to other high ranking sub division of the Nair community.

5. The Director, KIRFADS also informed Government that the High ranking Nairs treated the Chakkala as an inferior sub division of Nairs. The Chakkala community do not inter marry or inter dine with other endogamous group of Nairs. Once the touch of Chakkala Community polluted the superior Nairs. Therefore KIRFADS has informed Government that Chakkala and Chakkala Nair are one and the same community.

6. The Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes tendered their advice to Government based on the study conducted by the Ananthakrishna Iyer International Anthropological Studies. The Commission relies on the report of the AICAS which says that Chakkala and 'Chakkala Nair' are two distinct non-cognate caste with nothing in common but only a common occupation.

7. The recommendation of the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes is accepted to the extent of not including Chakkala Nair Community afresh into the State list of other backward classes for the purpose of reservation in public services. They are not in the list and need not be specifically included afresh. Whatever benefit the community enjoys today

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by the existing Government orders in force will be available to them.

By Order of the Governor,

S. SUBBIAN,
Special Secretary to Government.

To

✓ The Registrar, Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, Thiruvananthapuram.
The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Thiruvananthapuram, (with C.L).
All District Collectors.
The Director of Public Relations, Thiruvananthapuram.
The General Administration (S.C) Department - Vide item No. 2141 dated 30.7.1993.
The Private Secretary to Chief Minister.
The Private Secretary to Minister (B&CC).
C.A. to Special Secretary, SCSTDD.
C.A. to Additional Secretary, SCSTDD.
C.A. to Joint Secretary, SCSTDD.
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