

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

BACKWARD CLASSES - INCLUSION OF CERTAIN CASTES IN THE LIST OF
BACKWARD CLASSES - ORDERS - ISSUED.

BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE (P2) DEPARTMENT

G. O. MS. NO. 30

DATED 25TH AUGUST, 1994.
READ:-

G. O. Ms. No. 18, B.C. WELFARE DEPT., DATED 6-7-1994.

ORDER:-

The list of Backward Classes now in force is based on the recommendations of the Aantharaman Commission appointed in the year 1968. Subsequently, another Commission constituted with a single Member Sri N.K. Muralidhar Rao in the year 1982 submitted its report the same year. This Commission has after a through examination of the Social and Educational backwardness of the various castes and communities recommended the inclusion of 9 castes/Communities in the list of backward classes. However, for various reasons they could not as yet be treated as Backward Classes.

2. There has been a persistent demand from the aforesaid nine castes recommended by Muralidhara Rao Commission, by Muralidhara Rao Commission, besides Kapus, Balijas, Telagas, Ontari and Muslims for inclusion in the list of Backward Classes. While the matter stood thus, the Government of India sought to implement the report of Mandal Commission on Backward Classes and in the resultant litigation, the Supreme Court recommended the constitution of a permanent body to examine the complaints of wrong inclusion or non-inclusion of groups in the list of Backward Classes. On the directions of the Supreme Court, the Government of Andhra Pradesh constituted the Andhra Pradesh Commission for Backward Classes (hereinafter in this order referred to as the Commission) by the Andhra Pradesh Act. No. 20 of 1193.

3. While the Commission was examining the representations from various communities for inclusion in the list of Backward Classes, there has been considerable unrest among the members of various castes and communities in support of their long pending demand and the Government initially extended certain non-statutory educational benefits to students of certain castes whose parent's or Guardian's income is Rs. 12,000/- or less per annum. Similarly, certain economic support schemes have also been extended to persons whose income is less than Rs. 6000/- p.a. in the orders read above. These benefits were subsequently extended to Muslims along with other Minorities.

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4. However the mere extension of economic benefits is felt inadequate and will not entitle these castes for reservation of seats in educational institutions and for the reservation of Jobs in Government and Local bodies, which indeed is their main demand. In fact certain Castes who are similarly situated are already included in the list of Backward Classes in certain regions of this state and other neighboring states. In these circumstances, the Government made a request to the Commission for an interim report in regard to the Social and educational backwardness of these castes and communities. But the Commission expressed its inability to do so.

5. Normally before any caste or community is included or excluded from the list of Backward Classes, the Government is expected to seek a report from the Commission and then take appropriate action. It is not the policy of the Government under normal circumstances to deviate from this procedure. But so far as the demand of the Castes and communities under references for inclusion in the list of Backward Classes is concerned, it is a long pending demand with a mass support sometimes even causing unrest, for the simple reason that certain communities which are more or less on par with them in the matter of Social and Educational backwardness have already been included in the list of Backward Classes. Thus a feeling of in-equity has been generated in those communities giving rise to emotional upsurges for social justice.

6. In the above backdrop of events and demands, and pending receipt of the report of the Commission, the Government hereby order that the Castes/Communities specified in the Annexure to this order shall be treated as socially and Educationally backward Classes of citizens for the purpose of reservation of seats in educational institutions and for recruitment to jobs in Government, local bodies etc.

7. Any reservation to the communities hereby ordered to be included in the list of Backward Classes will not cut into the quantum of reservation available to those who are already recognized as Backward Classes.

8. The Government also hereby order that separate Orders shall issue in respect of the following matters based on the report of the Commission, namely:-

- (i) the percentage of reservation to be earmarked to the castes and communities included by this order in the list of backward classes;
- (ii) the group/classification/class in which they should be included;
- (iii) the economic criteria to be applied for the entitlement of the benefits extended to the backward classes under the rules.

**ANNEXURE TO G.O.MS.NO. 30, BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE (P 2)
DEPARTMENT, DATED: 25TH AUGUST, 1994.**

1. **Muslims**
2. **Kapus**
3. **Balijas**
4. **Telegas**
5. **Ontaris**
6. **Ayyakara**
7. **Kasi Kapidi**
8. **Patra**
9. **Gajulabaliya (whose present profession is sale of bangles)**
10. **Nagaralu**
11. **pondara**
12. **kurakala**
13. **Quresh (Muslim butchers)**
14. **Pala - eklari**

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