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INTRODUCTION

- I, the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment having been authorized by the Committee to submit the Report on their behalf, present the Twentieth Report of the Committee on "The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2006" of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- 2. The Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 31st June, 2006 and was referred to the Committee by the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 28th August, 2006 under Rule 331 E(b) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha for examination and Report.
- 3. The Committee wish to express their thanks to the representatives of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Registrar General of India and National Commission For Scheduled Castes for tendering evidence and placing their considered views before the Committee and also for furnishing written notes and information as desired by the Committee in connection with the examination of the Bills.
- 4. The Committee considered and adopted the report on the Bill at their sitting held on 14th December, 2006.
- 5. For facility of reference and convenience, observations and recommendations of the Committee have been printed in thick type in the body of the Report.

New Delhi 14 <u>December, 2006</u> 23 Agrahayana, 1928 (Saka) SUMITRA MAHAJAN
CHAIRPERSON,
Standing Committee on Social
Justice and Empowerment.

CHAPTER I

INTRODUCTORY

- 1.1 The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2006 was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 31 June, 2006. The Bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment on 28 August, 2006 for examination and report thereon. A copy of the Bill as introduced in Lok Sabha is appended (Annexure I). The Bill seeks the achieve the following objectives:
 - (i) inclusion of new castes based on social, educational and economic backwardness:
 - (ii) inclusion of synonymous communities in respect of a caste in the existing list; and
 - (iii) Modifications or imposition of area restrictions in the existing entries.
- 1.2 The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have informed the Committee that Article 366(24) of the Constitution defined 'Scheduled Castes' as "such castes, races or tribes or parts of or groups within such castes, races or tribes as are deemed under article 341 to be Scheduled Castes for the purpose of the Constitution." The test applied for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes is "extreme social, educational and economic backwardness arising out of traditional practice of untouchability."
- 1.3 Clause (1) of Article 341 of the Constitution provides that "The President may with respect to any State or Union Territory and where it is a State after consultation with the Governor thereof, by public notification, specify the castes,

races or tribes or parts of or groups within castes, races or tribes which shall, for the purposes of the Constitution, be deemed to be Scheduled Castes in relation to that State or Union Territory, as the case may be. As per the said provision, following Orders were issued:

- (i) The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950 (Appendix I).
- (ii) The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) (Union Territories) Order,1951(Appendix II).
- (iii) The Constitution (Jammu & Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order, 1956 (Appendix III).
- (iv) The Constitution (Dadra and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Castes Order,1962 (Appendix IV).
- (v) The Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order, 1964(Appendix V).
- (vi) The Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Castes Order, 1978 (Appendix VI).
- 1.4 Subsequently, the lists of Scheduled Castes have been amended from time to time as per provision under Clause (2) of Article 341 of the Constitution, which provides that, "Parliament may by law include in or exclude from the list of Scheduled Castes specified in a notification issued under clause (1) any caste, race or tribe or part of or groups within any caste, race or tribe, but save as aforesaid a notification issued under the said clause shall not be varied by any subsequent notification". The first list of Scheduled Castes after promulgation of

the Constitution of India in 1950 was notified through Presidential Orders of 1950 under Article 341 (1) of the Constitution.

1.5 With a view towards systematically considering the modifications in the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the Government of India finalized modalities on 15.06.1999 and modified on 25.06.2002 (copy at Annexure –II). In accordance with the approved modalities; the proposal of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration is referred to the Registrar General of India (RGI) for obtaining their comments. In case the RGI agrees with the proposal, the proposal is then referred to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, before bifurcation into two separate Commission namely National Commission for Scheduled Castes and National Commission for Scheduled Tribes). In case the National Commission for Scheduled Castes also agrees with the proposal, then such proposals which have been agreed to by the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, are put to inter-Ministerial consultation and thereafter based on the decision of the Government to modify the list of Scheduled Castes, a Bill after having followed procedural requirements is introduced in Parliament towards modifications required in the list of Scheduled Castes, as any modification in the list of Scheduled Castes can be done by an Act of Parliament in view of Article 341(2) of the Constitution of India. In view of several consultation processes and procedural steps involved, it is not possible to specify any time frame in regard to completion of the process towards modification in the list of Scheduled Castes.

CHAPTER - II

REPORT

- 2.1 The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have informed the Committee that a number of requests were received from time to time from the State Governments for removing anomalies in the List of Scheduled Castes by inclusion of new castes, based on social, educational and economic backwardness; inclusion of synonymous communities in respect of a caste in the existing list; and modifications or imposition of area restrictions in the existing entries, from the lists of Scheduled Castes. Accordingly, the lists of Scheduled Castes are proposed to be modified for 7 States in respect of 17 communities after consultation, with the concerned State Governments, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes.
- 2.2 In the present Bill, 17 claims have been included by the Ministry, out of which 12 claims for inclusion as synonymous communities, 1 claim for imposition of area restriction, 1 claim for modification and 3 for new inclusion in the Scheduled Castes list. The proposed Amendments in this list of Scheduled Castes in respect of seventeen communities for the States of Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab and Chhattisgarh as contained in the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2006 are as following:-

SI.	States / UTs	Inclusion as	Imposition	Modification	New	Total
No.		synonymous	of Area		Entry	
			Restriction		-	
1.	Haryana	2				2
2.	Kerala		1			1
3.	Madhya			1		1
	Pradesh					
4.	Maharashtra	4				4
5.	Orissa	6				6
6.	Punjab				2	2
7.	Chhattisgarh				1	1
	Total	-				17

A. HARYANA:

- 2.3 In Part V of the Schedule to the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950, the Bill seeks to Substitute.
 - (i) "5. Batwal, Barwala" for entry 5 and
 - (ii) "24. Megh, Meghwal" for entry 24
- 2.4 The Ministry in their background material furnished to the Committee have stated that the State Government of Haryana have forwarded the claim for inclusion of Barwala as synonym of Batwal as this community suffers from untouchability. The Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Schedule Castes support the proposal for inclusion of Barwala in the list of Scheduled Castes as a synonym of Batwal, which is already listed as Scheduled Caste in the State of Haryana.
- 2.5 With regards to the inclusion of Meghwal community as a synonym of Megh community, the State Government have stated that the Meghwal and Megh

community are one and the same communities, have the same occupation and are at the same ethnic level. Megh caste is already notified as Scheduled Caste in Haryana. The Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes support the proposal to include Meghwal as a synonym of Megh in the Scheduled Caste list of Haryana.

B. KERALA

- 2.6 In Part VIII of the Schedule to the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950, the Bill seeks to substitute:
 - "61. Thandan (excluding Ezhuvas and Thiyyas who are known as Thandan, in the erstwhile Cochin and Malabar areas) and (Carpenters who are known as Thachan, in the erstwhile Cochin and Travancore State)" for entry 61.
- 2.7 The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have informed that the State Government of Kerala had proposed the following two models to avoid ambiguity:

"Thandan excluding Ezhuvas and Thiyyas who are known as Thandan and Carpenters who are known as Thachan."

"Thandan [excluding Ezhuvas and Thiyyas who are know as Thandan, in the erstwhile Cochin and Malabar areas] and [Carpenters who are known as Thachan, in the erstwhile Cochin and Travancore State]."

The former Kerala in the 1930's consisted of three political regions viz.

Travancore, Cochin and Malabar. In the historic 1931 Census, all the Castes so far known as Backward Classes had been subjected to a test so as to identity the

real untouchable castes who were later termed as Depressed Classes. Thus in the Depressed Class list of 1931, Thandan was recognized as a depressed class in Travancore only and in the list of Cochin and Malabar, Thandan was not identified as a Depressed Class. In 1949, the princely States of Travancore and Cochin merged to form a single administrative unit, viz. Travancore-Cochin. Thus in the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Order of 1950 relating to Kerala, Thandan was recognized as a Scheduled Caste in the erstwhile Travancore-Cochin State. The Chittur taluk of Palghat district consists of both the regions of erstwhile Cochin and Malabar as well in 1960's a few persons belonging to the superior Ezhuva community of Chittur taluk claimed Scheduled Caste Thandan status. An election petition of an MLA who contested in a reserved Constituency on the strength of SC Thandan community certificate was challenged then but the verdict of the Election Tribunal went in favour of SC Thandan claimant. As a result about 1000 families started enjoying SC Thandan status there. Following the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976, the area restriction relating to the Thandan community, and many other castes was lifted. The relatives of the superior Ezhuvas in the Chittur taluk of Palakkad district who claimed SC Thandan status are spread in many parts of the erstwhile Malabar. Thus after 1976, a number of litigations followed and it is estimated that during the period between 1976 and 1990 more than 20,000 fake SC community certificates were issued to the underserving persons. The cases reached up to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India filed by the Palakkad Jilla Thandan Samrakshana Samiti and another Vs the State of Kerala and other (118, 199 KLT). As the counter affidavit filed by the State was not proper, a supplementary counter

affidavit was also filed but the latter was not considered by the Apex Court. However, the Court observed:-

"A State Government was entitled to initiate appropriate proposals for modification in cases where it was satisfied that modifications were necessary and, if after appropriate enquiry, the authorities were satisfied that a modification was required, an amendment could be undertaken as provided by the Constitution."

The anthropological studies conducted by the Kerala Institute of Research, Training and Development Studies (KIRTADS), revealed that majority of them were Kudikidappukar (Tenents) in the past. They form a class of landless and were once labourers attached to the landed gentry. Tree climbing and coconut plucking are their traditional occupation. Their women folk engage in coconut palm leaf platting, rope making and also work as agricultural labourer. In the regional caste hierarchy of Travancore, the SC Thandan has a position lower to that of artisan castes. They accepted food and water from Ezhuva households but the Ezhuva did not accept the same from the Thandans. Since the Government of Kerala had been receiving complaint and reports that a section of Ezhava/Thiyya community of Palghat and Trichur districts who hold the title 'Thandan' are cornering the benefits earmarked for Scheduled Castes on the pretext that they are 'Thandan', a Scheduled Caste, though they were never subject to untouchability. In order to check the infiltration of ineligible persons into the fold of Scheduled Castes, on the pretext that they are Thandan, the Government of Kerala had proposed modification in the existing entry. The SC Thandan is fed along with the lower polluting castes. They presented in obeisance (customary present during

Onam) to their respective masters including Ezhuva. When a death occurs in an Ezhuva master's house, the Thandan attached to the family acts as messenger. In the funeral ceremonies relating to an Ezhuva or a Nair, the Thandan do all the manual works of cutting trees and splitting of logs for the pyre.

2.8 The Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes examined the issue and expressed agreement with the proposal of the Government of Kerala to the modification in entry No. 61 of the Scheduled Caste list of State of Kerala.

C. MADHYA PRADESH

- 2.9 In part IX of the Schedule to the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order,1950, the Bill seeks to substitute.
 - "2. Bagri, Bagdi (excluding Rajput, Thakur sub-castes among Bagri Bagdi)" for entry 2.
- 2.10 The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have intimated that due to similarity in the names, the people of Rajput Bagri/Bagdi caste are taking advantage of benefits that are available to Scheduled Castes. To prevent the malpractices that are being committed by Bagri/Bagdi Rajputs it is proposed to modify the present entry as Bagri, Bagdi (excluding Rajput, Thakur sub-castes among Bagri, Badgi).

2.11 The Registrar General of India and National Commission for Scheduled Castes expressed their agreement with the proposal of the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for modification in the Scheduled Caste list of the State.

D. <u>MAHARASHTRA</u>

- 2.12 In Part X of the Schedule to the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950, the Bill seeks to substitute:
 - (i) "8. Basor, Burud, Bansor, Bansodi, Basod," for entry 8.
 - (ii) "11 Bhambi, Bhambhi, Asadaru, Asodi, Chamadia, Chamar, Chamari, Chambhar, Chamgar, Haralayya, Harali, Khalpa, Machigar, Mochigar, Madar, Madig, Mochi, Telegu Mochi, Kamati Mochis, Ranigar, Rohidas, Nona, Ramnami, Rohit, Samgar, Samagara, Satnami, Surjyabanshi, Suriyaramnami, Charmakar, Pardeshi Chamar, for entry 11.
 - (iii) 12. Bhangi, Mehtar, Olgana, Rukhi, Malkana, Halalkhor, Lalbegi,Balmiki, Korar, Zadmalli, Hela," for entry 12.
- 2.13 The Ministry have stated that the State Government of Maharashtra after having carefully considered the matter recommended inclusion of Basod community in the list of Scheduled Castes as synonym of Basor, Burud, Bansor, Bansodi. The Registrar General of India and National Commission for Scheduled Castes agreed to support the proposal for inclusion of Basod community in the list

of Scheduled Castes as synonym of Basor, Burud, Bansor, Bansodi in the list of Scheduled Castes of Maharashtra.

- 2.14 With regards to the inclusion of Charmakar, Pardeshi Chamar as synonym of Bhambi, Bhambhi, Asadaru, Asodi, Chamadia, Chamar, Chamari, Chambhar, Chamgar, Haralayya, Harali, Khalpa, Machigar, Mochigar, Madar, Madig, Mochi, Telegu Mochi, Kamati Mochis, Ranigar, Rohidas, Nona, Ramnami, Rohit, Samgar, Samahgara, Satnami, Suryabanshi, Suriyaramnami in the Scheduled Castes List of Maharashtra, the Ministry has stated that the State Government after carefully considering the matter, recommended the inclusion of the same. The Registrar General of India and National Commission for Scheduled Castes agreed to with the proposal for inclusion of Charmakar and Pardeshi Chamar, as synonym of Bhambi, Bhambhi etc. in this List of Scheduled Caste of the State of Maharashtra.
- 2.15 The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have further stated that the State Government considered carefully and recommended inclusion of Hela as synonym of Bhangi, Mehtar, Olgana, Rukhi, Malkana, Halalkhor, Lalbegi, Balmiki, Korar, Zadmalli in the SC list. The Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes agreed to with the proposal of the State Government for inclusion of Hela as synonym of Bhangi, Mehtar, etc. on the list of Scheduled Castes of the State.

E. ORISSA

- 2.16 In Part XIII of the Schedule to the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) order1950, the Bill Seeks to Subsitute:
 - (i) "19. Chamar, Chamara, Chamar-Ravidas, Chamar-Rohidas,Mochi, Muchi, Satnami" for entry 19 and
 - (ii) "42. Kandra, Kandara, Kadama, Kuduma, Kodma, Kodama"; for entry 42.
- 2.17 The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have informed that the State Government have stated that the proposals for inclusion of Chamara, Chamar-Ravidas, Chamar-Rohidas as synonym of Chamar, Mochi, Muchi, Satnami (at Sl. No. 19) in the SC list of Orissa have been recommended by the Tribes Adivsory Council and Harijan Welfare Advisory Board and justify the criteria laid down. The Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes agreed to with the proposals of the State Government for inclusion of Chamara, Chamar-Ravidas, Chamar Rohidas as synonym of Chamar, Mochi, etc. in the State list of Scheduled Castes of Orissa.
- 2.18 With regards to the inclusion of Kuduma, Kodma, Kodama as synonym of Kandra, Kandara, Kadama in the Scheduled Castes List of Orissa, the Committee have been informed that the State Government Orrissa have stated that the study report of the caste status of 'Kuduma' community as furnished by the Director, THRTI Orissa reveals that the stigma of untouchability is attached to this community and they have matrimonial relationship with Kandaras. As this

Kandaras caste has already been enlisted in the Scheduled Castes list of Orissa, the Kuduma Community may be considered for inclusion in the Scheduled Castes list. The Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes considered this proposal and agreed to with the proposals of the State Government for inlusion of Kuduma, Kodma, Kadama as synonym of Kandra, Kandara, Kadama in the Scheduled Castes List of Orissa.

F. PUNJAB

- 2.19 In Part XIV of the Schedule to the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950), the Bill seeks to insert::
 - "39. Mahatam, Rai Sikhi" after entry 38.
- 2.20 The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have stated that the State Government forwarded a proposal for inclusion of Mahatam and Rai Sikh communities in the Scheduled Castes list of Punjab as an independent Scheduled Caste, instead of treating them synonym of Sirkiband. This was based on the comments of the Registrar General of India. The RGI had stated that according to published literature, Mahatam formed a caste of low status and lived as hunters and fowlers and were also reported as agriculturists. Based on these facts, the RGI agreed for inclusion of Mahatam, Rai Sikh in the SC list of Punjab as an independent Scheduled Caste. The National Commission for Scheduled Castes considered and approved the proposal of inclusion of Rai Sikh and Mahatam as independent Scheduled Caste communities in the SC list of Punjab.

G. <u>CHHATTISGARH</u>

2.21 In part XXIII of the Schedule to the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 1950, the Bill after entry 43 seeks to insert

"44. Turi"

2.22 With regards to the inclusion of the Turi Community in the SC list of Chhattisgarh, the Ministry have stated that the State Government while forwarding its proposal had stated that Turi community is recognised as Scheduled Caste in the neighbouring States of Bihar and Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Orissa, Rajasthan, West Bengal, etc. Further, it was stated that Turi community is suffering from social disability based on traditional practice of untouchability. Their main occupation is making utensils of Bamboo. The Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes considered the proposal and agreed with the same for inclusion of Turi community in the SC list of the State.

H. BENCHMARK FIGURE DESCRIBING EXTREME SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMIC BACKWARDNESS ARISING OUT OF TRADITIONAL PRACTISE OF UNTOUCHABILITY

- 2.23 The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have stated that the test applied for inclusion of any community in the list of Scheduled Castes is 'extreme social, educational and economic backwardness arising out of traditional practice of untouchability.'
- 2.24 Asked to state whether the Government have fixed any benchmark for deciding extreme, social, educational and economic backwardness arising out of

traditional practice of untouchability, the Ministry in their written replies stated that they have not fixed any such benchmark.

2.25 During the course of oral evidence, the Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, with regards to the benchmarks of social, economic and educational backwardness stated that these were mere indicators only and the main criteria is sociological, anthropological and ethnographic, which related to the term untouchability. She further accepted that the literacy rate as well as how many families were below the poverty line figure were to be taken as indicators only and not as benchmarks. The main criteria or benchmark is mostly sociological.

I. ISSUE OF MIGRANT WORKERS

- 2.26 The Committee enquired whether the Government had ever taken up the issue of SC migrants, so as to ensure that they are able to enjoy the benefits of being a member of the SC community not only in the State of their origin, but also in the State where they migrated to, the Ministry in their written reply furnished to the Committee stated that the issue of benefits to SC migrants/settlers in the new city of Chandigarh has been taken up for consideration, in view of the peculiarities of the situation.
- 2.27 During the course of oral evidence, when asked to clarify the same the Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment acknowledged that the issue of SC migrants was a problem indeed and the Government was aware about it. But the stated that the orders issued in 1975, when the Ministry of Home.
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Affairs dealt with the task of issuing Scheduled Caste Certificates, it was clear that Castes were State specific, i.e. the State of origin. This is so, as a Scheduled Caste Certificate is a State specific subject. The representative of the Ministry further stated that as per Article 341 (i) of the Constitution, the community is State /UT specific. When people migrate to other States, they can obtain the benefit of a SC from the State of their origin and not from the State to which they have migrated to, for the purpose of seeking education or employment or for any other purpose. This is the Constitutional position. They can get a Caste certificate from the State where they have migrated to, on production of caste certificate of the father or mother, but benefits will be drawn only from the State of other origin.

J. PROPOSALS FOR MODIFICATION IN THE LIST OF SCHEDULED CASTES PENDING WITH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL OF INDIA AND THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES:

- 2.28 The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment informed the Committee that at the time of drafting the "Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2006" processing of only 17 proposals had been completed, as per approved modalities. It was further stated by the Ministry that till date 29 proposals are pending with the Registrar General of India for modification in the list of Scheduled Castes and 24 proposals are pending with the National Commission for Scheduled Castes for modification in the list of Scheduled Castes.
- 2.29 During the course of evidence when enquired to by the Committee as to the reasons for 29 proposals for modification in the List of Scheduled Castes pending with the office of the Registrar General of India, the Registrar General of India and

Census Commissioner stated that as of date out of the 29 proposals pending with them, they have been able to clear 12 proposals. Of the 17 proposals pending with them, only 2 related to 2002, 13 are of 2005 and 2 are of 2006. He further stated that the 2 proposals of 2002 were repeat proposals. The Registrar General of India further clarified that the task confronting his office was enormous as they have to do a very in depth examination of all the proposals and also refer to past data. He further stated that they try to come to some understanding whether the RGI supports the proposal or does not support it. This is a very serious issue and we cannot afford to give it any less attention than it requires. He was however hopeful of giving comments on the pending 17 proposals at the earliest.

2.30 The Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Castes in his deliberations before the Committee stated that out of the 24 proposals pending with the Commission for modification in the list of Scheduled Castes, the Commission has been able to give their comments on 5 of those cases. With regards to the 19 cases under examination by the Commission, he stated that these are basically of synonyms. The Castes are already included, but local variation in spelling or names is there and they are being thoroughly examined because as regards connotations one has to go thorough it carefully. He further stated that the basic caste was already a part of the SC list and the question is of addition of synonyms. He was hopeful of the Commission being able to comment on these 19 pending proposals soon.

- The Committee note that "The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order 2.31 (Amendment) Bill, 2006" relates to the amendment in the Scheduled Castes lists of 7 States covering 17 communities. The changes proposed are inclusion of 12 communities as synonymous communities; imposition of area restriction for 1 community, 1 for modification and inclusion of 3 new communities in the Scheduled Castes list. The Committee further note that as per the modalities revised on 25, June, 2002 for deciding claim for inclusion in, exclusion from and other modifications in the orders specifying Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes list, all 17 proposals for modification in the Scheduled Castes List have been duly processed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in consultation with the concerned State Government, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes. The Committee approve the amendments in the Bill in its entirety.
- 2.32 The Committee note with concern that though the test applied for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes, as stated by the Ministry, is "extreme social, educational and economic backwardness arising out of traditional practice of untouchability, yet the Government have not benchmarked the figure describing extreme social, educational and economic backwardness and have further stated that factors like literacy rate and per capita income are to be taken as indicators only and not benchmarks. Though the Committee agree with the view of the Ministry that the main criteria for inclusion of a community in the Scheduled Castes list is sociological, anthropological and ethnographic, which relates to the term

untouchability yet the Committee are of the view that in the present era of information revolution, the Government should have—with them the data highlighting—per capita income as well as literacy rate for all communities included in the Scheduled Caste list, as well as of those communities which it plans to include in the Scheduled Castes list. The Committee, therefore, strongly recommend that the Ministry not only make available with it the data highlighting literacy rate and per capita income but also fix a benchmark for deciding extreme social, educational and economic backwardness. By doing so, the Committee are of the firm opinion that the Government would be better able to gauge and monitor the social emancipation, educational empowerment—and—economic development—of—all—Scheduled—Caste communities.

2.33 The Committee note with concern that the Government have not given a serious thought to the ever burgeoning issue of Scheduled Caste migrants and are unhappy with the present situation, which stipulates that a person belonging to Scheduled Caste community can avail the benefits of being a Scheduled Caste only in the State of his origin and not in the State where he migrated to, even though he might have stayed permanently at his migrated State for decades. The Ministry have stated that this restriction stems from Article 341 (i) of the constitution, which states that a community is State/Union Territory specific. The only benefit that a migrant SC can avail is that on production of the caste certificate of his parents, he or she can obtain a caste certificate from the State where they migrated to, but cannot avail any benefits of being a Scheduled Caste in terms of education,

employment or any other purpose. The Committee take note the view of the Ministry that these are the provisions of the Constitution which are the restricting factor, yet they are of the firm opinion that keeping in view the prevalent ground situation, wherein mass migration of population takes place from one state to another due to economic factors, a change in this policy is paramount. The Committee therefore desire that the Government should consider the feasibility of according benefits to SC migrants in the State where they have migrated to.

The Committee are constrained to note that at the time of drafting "The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2006, processing of only 17 proposals had been completed as per approved modalities and 53 proposals for modification in the list of Scheduled Castes were pending with the office of the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes. Some of these proposals are pending with the Registrar General of India from the year 1999, 2000 and so on and with the National Commission for Scheduled Castes from the year 2003, 2005 and 2006. The Committee feel that a substantial amount of time would elapse before the Registrar General of India and National Commission for Scheduled Castes clear all their pending proposals thus enabling the Ministry to draft another Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill. The Registrar General of India and National Commission for Scheduled Castes have cited the reasons for delay being due to an in-depth study required in deciding whether a community qualifies to be included in the Scheduled Castes list.

The Committee are not at all satisfied at this inordinate delay on the part of the Registrar General of India as well as National Commission for Scheduled Castes in clearing these proposals and express their deep anguish at this sordid state of affairs. The Committee, therefore, strongly recommend that both the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes get their act together and clear the proposals pending with them expeditiously. The Committee further desire that the Government lay down a time frame for the RGI and NCSC to give their comments on cases referred to them for modification in the list of Scheduled Castes by the Ministry so as to overcome this unduly long delay in clearing proposals.

NEW DELHI; 14 December , 2006 23 Agrahayana , 1929 (Saka) SUMITRA MAHAJAN,
Chairperson,
Standing Committee on
Social Justice and
Empowerment.

ANNEXURE - I

As Introduced in Lok Sabha

THE CONSTITUTION (SCHEDULED CASTES) ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2006.

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BILL

Further to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950.

BE: it enacted by Parliament in the Fifty -seventh Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. This Act may be called the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Act, 2006.

Short title

- 2. In the Schedule to the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950,- Amendment of the
- (a) IN PART V.-Haryana.

Schedule

(i) for entry 5, substitute -

"5. Batwal, Barwala";

(ii) for entry 24, substitute –

"24. Megh, Meghwal";

- (b) IN PART VIII. Kerala, for entry 61, substitue –
- "61. Thandan (excluding Ezhuvas and Thiyyas who are known as Thandan, in the erstwhile Cochin and Malabar areas) and (Charpenters who are known as Thachan, in the erstwhile Cochin and Travancore State)";
 - (c) IN PART IX. Madhya Pradesh, for entry 2, substitute-
- "2. Bagri, Bagdi (excluding Raiput, Thakur sub-castes among Bagri, Bagdi)";
 - (d) IN PART X. Maharastra.-

- (i) for entry 8, substitute-
 - "8. Basor, Burud, Bansor, Bansodi, Basod";
- (ii) for entries 11 and 12, substitute-
- "11. Bhambi, Bhambhi, Asadaru, Asodi, Chamadia, Chamar, Chamari, Chambhar, Chamgar, Harlayya, Harali, Khalpa, Machigar, Mochigar, Madar, Madig, Mochi, Telegu Mochi, Kamati Mochi, Ranigar, Rohidas, Nona, Ramnami, Rohit, Samgar, Samagara, Satnami, Surijyabanshi, Surijyaramnami, Charmakar, Pardeshi Chamar;
- 12. Bhangi, Mehtar, Olgana, Rukhi, Malkana, Halalkhor, Lalbegi, Balmiki, Korar, Zadmalli, Hela";
 - (e) IN PART XIII.-Orissa,-
 - (i) for entry 19, substitute-
- "19, Chamar, Chamara, Chamar-Ravidas, Chamar-Rohidas, Mochi, Muchi, Satnami";
 - (ii) for entry 42, substitute-
- "42. Kandra, Kandara, Kadama, Kuduma, Kodma, Kodama";
 - (f) IN PART XIV. Punjab, after entry 38, insert-
 - "39. Mahatam, Rai Sikh";
 - (g) IN PART XXIII. Chhattisgarh, after entry 43, insert-"44. Turi".

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

As per the provisions of article 341 of the Constitution, the list of Scheduled

Castes was first notified in 1950 and this list was modified from time to time. A

number of requests were received from the State Governments for modifications in

the list, such as, inclusion new communities, inclusion of synonymous communities

imposing area restrictions other modifications of certain existing entries.

2. The above requests have been processed in accordance with the modalities

approved by the Government on 15th June, 1999 and modified on 25th June, 2002.

After consultation with the concerned State Governments, the Registrar General of

India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, the list of the Scheduled

Castes in respect of seventeen communities for the States of Haryana, Kerala,

Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab and Chhattisgarh are proposed to

be amended.

3. The propose amendments in the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order

(Amendment) Bill, 2006 broadly fall under the following categories, namely:-

(i) inclusion of new castes based on social, educational and economic

backwardness;

(ii) inclusion of synonymous communities in respect of a caste in the

existing list; and

(iii) modifications or imposition of area restrictions in the existing entries.

4. The Bill seeks to achieve the above objects.

MEIRA KUMAR.

NEW DELHI:

The 28th June, 2006.

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FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The Bill seeks to include new castes based on social, educational and economic backwardness, synonymous communities in respect of a caste and modifications in the existing entries relating to seventeen communities in the list of Scheduled Castes for the States of Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab and Chhattisgarh. This will entail additional recurring and non-recurring expenditure on account of benefits of schemes meant for development of the Scheduled Castes.

It is not possible to estimate the likely expenditure to be incurred on this
account at this stage. However, the expenditure, whether recurring or
non-recurring, will be met out of the Consolidated Fund of India.

EXTRACTS FROM THE CONSTITUTION (SCHEDULED CASTES) ORDER, 1950

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	5. Batwal					
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	24. Megh					
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PAR	T VIII. – Kera	ıla				
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	61. Thandan	ı				
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PAR	T IX. – Madh	ya Pradesh				
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	2. Bagri, Bagdi					
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PAR	T X. – Mahar	ashtra				
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	8. Basor Bur	rud, Bansor, B	sansodi			
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11. Bhambi, Bhambhi, Asadaru, Asodi, Chamadia, Chamar, Chamari, Chambhar, chamgar, Haralayya, Harali, Khalpa, Machigar, Mochigar, Madar, Madig, Mochi, Telegu Mochi, Kamati Mochi, Ranigar, Rohidas, ona, Ramnami, rohit, Samgar, Samagara, Satnami, Surjyabanshi, Surjyaramnami						
Korar,	12. Bhangi, , Zadmalli	Mehtar, Olga	ana, Rukhi, M	lalkana, Halalkhor, I	_albegi, Balmiki,	
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PAR	PART XIII. – Orissa					
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	19. Chamar, Mochi, Muchi, Satnami.					
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	42. Kandra,	Kandara				

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further to amend the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950.

(Smt. Meira Kumar, Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment)

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ANNEXURE - II

MODALITIES FOR DECIDING CLAIMS FOR INCLUSION IN, EXCLUSION FROM AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS IN THE ORDERS SPECIFYING SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES LISTS

(Revised as on 25.6.2002)

Modalities for deciding claim for inclusion in, exclusion from and other modifications in the Orders specifying Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been notified. Such proposals are required to be processed as indicated below.

- (a) Cases favoured by both the State Governments and the Registrar General of India (RGI) in their most recent reports would be referred to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for their opinion. They would be forwarded to the Commission individually or in batches, as may be practicable, along with the comments of the State Governments and the RGI as well as any relevant material/information furnished by them or by representatives.
- (b) Some issues concern not one but several States e.g. the status of SC/ST migrants. These would also be referred to the National Commission if the RGI and majority of concerned states have supported modification.
- (c) It may be suggested to the Commission that, while examining the above cases, they should associate, through panels or other means, expert individuals, organizations and institutions in the fields of anthropology, ethnography and other social sciences, in addition to the State Governments, RGI and the Anthropological Survey of India, on a regional basis. They may also consider holding public hearings in areas relevant to the claims under examination. These guidelines cannot be binding on the Commission, but may be suggested in the interest of fuller examination of the cases. The Commission would

also be requested to give priority to cases in which the Courts have given directives regarding decision within a stipulated time period. (In such cases, extension of time would be sought from the courts where necessary, citing these modalities for the determination of claims). Such cases would be separately processed and sent for earlier decision.

- (d) Amending legislation would be proposed to the Cabinet in all cases in which the National Commission, RGI as well as the State Governments have favoured modification. Those cases with which the State Governments and the RGI are in agreement, but which the Commission have not supported, would be rejected at the level of Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment.
- (e) Claims for inclusion, exclusion or other modifications that neither the RGI nor the concerned State Governments have supported would not be referred to the National Commission. These would be rejected at the level of the Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment.
- In the case of claims recommended by the concerned State Governments, but not agreed to by the RGI, the State Governments would be asked to review or further justify their recommendations in the light of RGI's comments. Thereafter, they would be taken up again with RGI. These cases would remain under consideration until agreement is reached between views of the RGI and the concerned States, at which time they would be disposed of in accordance with the modalities at (a) to (e) above. Cases which the RGI have recommended, but which the State Governments have not favoured, would be similarly processed.
- (g) Claims in respect of which the comments of either the RGI or the State Governments or of both are awaited would remain under

consideration until their views are received. Thereafter, they would be dealt with the accordance with the modalities at (a) to (f) above.

(h) Claims recommended suo-moto by the National Commission would be referred to RGI and the State Governments. Depending on their responses, they would be disposed of in accordance with the modalities at (d) to (f) as may be applicable.

MINUTES OF THE THIRD SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT HELD ON MONDAY, 16th OCTOBER, 2006.

The Committee met from 15.00 hrs. to 16.05 hrs. in Committee Room `B' Parliament House Annexe. New Delhi.

PRESENT

Smt. Sumitra Mahajan - CHAIRPERSON

MEMBERS LOK SABHA

- 2. Shri Eknath M. Gaikwad
- 3. Dr Babu Rao Mediyam
- 4. Shri Rupchand Murmu
- 5. Smt Usha Verma

MEMBERS RAJYA SABHA

- 6. Shri Silvius Condpan
- 7. Shri Dharam Pal Sabharwal
- 8. Shri Tarlochan Singh
- 9. Shri Veer Singh
- 10. Ms Anusuiya Üikey
- 11. Shri Nand Kishore Yadav

LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT

Shri R.K. Saxena - Deputy Secretary
 Shri Bhupesh Kumar - Under Secretary

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

SI.No.	Name of the Officer	Designation and Organisation
1.	Smt. Veena Chhotray	Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
2.	Shri D.V.S. Ranga	Joint Secretary, (SCD)
3.	Shri. V.R. Malhotra	Director (SCD)
4.	Shri. T.C. Joshi	Assistant Director (SCD)

At the outset Hon. Chairperson welcomed the members and representatives of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment to the sitting of the Committee.

2. Hon'ble Chairperson informed the Members that Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha had referred 'The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2006" to the Committee for examination and report within three months. She pointed out that the proposed Bill seeks to amend the lists of Scheduled Castes in the States of Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab and Chhattisgarh, so as to ensure (i) inclusion of new castes based on social, educational and economic backwardness (ii) inclusion of synonymous communities in respect of caste in the existing list (iii) modifications or imposition of area restrictions in the existing entries. She enquired from the Secretary the background, justifications and broad provisions of the proposed Bill.

- 3. The Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment explained the background, justification and broad provisions of the Bill. She further stated that towards systematically considering the modifications in the lists of the Scheduled Castes, the Government of India finalized the modalities on 15.06.1999 and again on 25.06.2002. As per these modalities, the proposal of the concerned State Government or UT Administration is referred to the Registrar General of India (RGI) for obtaining their comments. When they agree with the proposal, it is referred to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and after that the orders of the Government are obtained by Inter-Ministerial consultations. Thereafter, the Bill is introduced in Parliament.
- 4. She also apprised the Committee that the Bill proposes to amend the lists of Scheduled Castes in respect of 17 communities for the States of Haryana, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab and Chhattisgarh after having completed the prescribed modalities.
- 5. Thereafter, the members raised queries, which inter-alia included the number of proposals received from other States for inclusion in the Scheduled Caste List, the number of proposals agreed to and the number of proposals pending, the issue of migration of population from one State to another State and whether a person who enjoys the status of Scheduled Caste in his native State will also get that advantage in another State and the basis for including a community in the Scheduled Castes List.

6. The representatives of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment responded to the queries. Hon'ble Chairperson directed them to send written replies to the queries of Members for which ready information was not available with them.

7. Hon'ble Chairperson thanked the representatives of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for giving valuable information to the Committee on the Bill and expressing their views in a candid manner.

A verbatim record of the Proceedings has been kept.

The Committee then adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15th NOVEMBER, 2006.

The Committee met from 11.00 hrs. to 12.45 hrs. in Committee Room `B' Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

PRESENT

Smt. Sumitra Mahajan - CHAIRPERSON

MEMBERS LOK SABHA

- 2. Shri Mahaveer Bhagora
- 3. Dr Babu Rao Mediyam
- 4. Shri Kailash Meghwal
- 5. Shri Rupchand Murmu
- 6. Smt. Krishna Tirath
- 7. Smt Usha Verma

MEMBERS RAJYA SABHA

- 8. Shri Silvius Condpan
- 9. Shri Mahmood A. Madani
- 10. Dr. Narayan Singh Manaklao
- 11. Shri Dharam Pal Sabharwal
- 12. Shri Veer Singh
- 13. Ms Anusuiya Ülkey
- 14. Shri Nand Kishore Yadav

LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT

Shri R.K. Saxena - Deputy Secretary
 Shri Bhupesh Kumar - Under Secretary

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT AND MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT)

SI.No.	Name of the Officer	Designation and Organisation
1.	Smt. Veena Chhotray	Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
2.	Shri V.R. Malhotra	Director, (Scheduled Castes Division), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
3.	Shri S.R. Dhaleta,	Joint Secretary & Legislative Counsel, Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department)
4.	Smt. Veena Kothavale	Assistant Legislative Counsel, Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department)

2. At the outset Hon. Chairperson welcomed the Members and representatives of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Ministry of Law and Justice, Legislative Department to the sitting of the Committee. She enquired from the Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment about the benchmark figure describing extreme social, educational and economic backwardness arising out of traditional practice of untouchability. She expressed surprise over the fact that 24 proposals for modification in the list of Scheduled Castes referred to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes are still pending and some cases have been pending since the year 1999. Also, 29 proposals referred to the Registrar General of India during the year 2003, 2005 and 2006,

have not been cleared so far. She enquired from the Secretary the reasons for non-clearance of these proposals even after a lapse of many years.

- 3. The members also raised some queries, which inter-alia included the issue of migration of population from one State to another State and whether a person who enjoys the status of a Scheduled Caste in his native State also gets that advantage in another state and the number of proposals pending with the Registrar General of India and National Commission for Scheduled Castes for modification in the List of Scheduled Castes.
- 4. With regards to the benchmarks of social, economic and educational backwardness, the Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment stated that these were indicators only, but the main criteria is sociological, anthropological and ethnographic, which related to the term untouchability. About the delay on the part of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Registrar General of India in clearing the 53 proposals referred to them for modification in the list of Scheduled Castes, the Secretary explained that once a proposal for modification in the List of Scheduled Castes is received from the State Governments, it is forwarded to the Registrar General of India for conducting anthropological, sociological and ethnographic studies. Further, the Registrar General of India has to look into previous records as well. In order to satisfy themselves completely, the Registrar General of India carries out detailed research, which does involve a lot of time. Once the RGI clears the proposal it is forwarded to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes for their views.
- 5. However, the Committee decided to hold a meeting with the representatives of the Registrar General of India and National Commission for Scheduled Castes to further enquire about the reasons for delay in finalizing the proposals pending with them.

6. Hon'ble Chairperson thanked the representatives of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for giving valuable information to the Committee on the Bill and expressing their views in a candid manner.

A verbatim record of the Proceedings has been kept.

The Committee then adjourned.

MINUTES OF THE SIXTH SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT HELD ON THURSDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER, 2006.

The Committee met from 15.00 hrs. to 1640 hrs. in Committee Room `C' Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

PRESENT

Smt. Sumitra Mahajan - CHAIRPERSON

MEMBERS LOK SABHA

- 2. Mohd. Shahid Akhlaque
- 3. Shri Mahaveer Bhagora
- 4. Shri Eknath M. Gaikwad
- 5. Dr Babu Rao Mediyam
- 6. Shri Lalit Mohan Suklabaidya

MEMBERS RAJYA SABHA

- 7. Shri Silvius Condpan
- 8. Dr. Radhakant Nayak
- 9. Shri Abdul Wahab Peevee
- 10. Shri Dharam Pal Sabharwal

LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT

Shri R.K. Saxena - Deputy Secretary
 Shri Bhupesh Kumar - Under Secretary

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT, REGISTRAR GENERAL OF INDIA AND NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED CASTES

SI.No.	Name of the Officer	Designation and Organisation
1.	Dr. (Smt.) Veena Chhotray	Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
2.	Shri V.R. Malhotra	Director, (Scheduled Castes Division), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
3.	Shri D.K. Sikri	Registrar General of India and Census Commissioner
4.	Shri S.K. Sood	Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Castes
5.	Shri S.S. Sharma	Joint Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Castes

- 2. At the outset Hon. Chairperson welcomed the Members and representatives of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes to the sitting of the Committee. Thereafter, she pointed out that at the time of drafting the "The (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2006 processing of only 17 proposals had been completed as per the approved modalities. She expressed surprise over the fact that 24 proposals for modification in the List of Scheduled Castes referred to the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, from the year 1999, 2000 have not been cleared as yet. She also pointed out that 29 proposals referred to the Registrar General of India for modification in the list of Scheduled Castes are still pending for clearance. She enquired from the concerned officials the reasons for undue delay in clearance of those proposals.
- 3. The Registrar General of India clarified the queries put forth by Hon'ble Chairperson and stated that on receipt of proposals for modification in the list of

Scheduled Castes from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the office of the Registrar General of India after having studied the material furnished by the respective State Government conducts its own anthropological, sociological and ethnographic studies in detail to ascertain whether the cases forwarded by of the State Governments fulfill the laid down criteria. As this requires detailed study, considerable time is involved in the process.

- 4. Thereafter, the Secretary Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Secretary National Commission for Scheduled Castes responded to the queries put forth by Hon'ble Chairperson and Members.
- 5. Hon'ble Chairperson then thanked the representatives of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Registrar General of India and National Commission for Scheduled Castes for giving valuable information to the Committee on the Bill and expressing their views in a candid manner.

The witnesses then withdrew.

A verbatim record of the Proceedings has been kept.

The Committee then adjourned.

ANNEXURE-VI

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH SITTING OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT HELD ON THURSDAY, 14th DECEMBER, 2006.

The Committee met from 15.30 hrs. to 1630 hrs. in Committee Room B Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi.

PRESENT

Smt. Sumitra Mahajan - CHAIRPERSON

MEMBERS LOK SABHA

- 2. Shri Mahaveer Bhagora
- 3. Dr Babu Rao Mediyam
- 4. Shri Rabindar Kumar Rana
- 5. Shri P.A. Sangma
- 6. Smt. Pratibha Singh
- 7. Shri Lalit Mohan Suklabaidya
- 8. Smt. Usha Verma

MEMBERS RAJYA SABHA

- 9. Shri Urkhao Gwra Brahma
- 10. Dr. Narayan Singh Manaklao
- 11. Dr. Radhakant Nayak
- 12. Ms. Anusuiya Uikey
- 13. Shri Nand Kishore Yadav

LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT

Shri A.K. Singh
 Shri R.K. Saxena
 Shri Bhupesh Kumar
 Under Secretary

- 2. At the outset, Hon'ble Chairperson welcomed the new Members nominated to the Committee. Thereafter, she apprised the Members that they were meeting to consider and adopt three Draft Reports of the Committee namely, (i) Twentieth Report on "The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2006" (ii) by Twenty-first Report action taken the Government the on on recommendations/observations contained in the Fifteenth Report of the Committee on the subject "National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation" of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and (iii) Twentysecond Report action taken by the Government the on on recommendations/observations contained in the Seventeenth Report of the Committee on Demands for Grants – 2006-2007 of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- 3. The Committee first took up the Twentieth Report on "The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2006" and adopted the same with out any amendment.

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6. The Committee authorized the Chairperson to finalize and present the reports on their behalf to the Parliament.

The Committee then adjourned.

THE CONSTITUTION (SCHEDULED CASTES) ORDER, 1950¹

(CO. 19)

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 341 of the Constitution of India, the President, after consultation with the Governors and Rajpramukhs of the States concerned, is pleased to make the following Order, namely:-

- 1. This Order may be called the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950.
- 2. Subject to the provisions of this Order, the castes races or tribes or parts of, or groups within castes or tribes specified in ²[Parts I to ³[⁴[⁵[XXIV]]] of the Schedule to this Order shall, in relation to the States to which those Parts respectively relate, be deemed to be Scheduled Castes so far as regards member thereof resident in the localities specified in relation to them in those Parts of that Schedule.
- ⁶[3. Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 2, no person who professes a religion different from the Hindu ⁷[, the Sikh or the Buddhist] religion shall be deemed to be a member of a Scheduled Caste.]
- ⁸[4. Any reference in this Order to a State or to a district or other territorial division thereof shall be construed as a reference to the State, district or other territorial division as constituted on the 1st day of May, 1976.]

⁹[THE SCHEDULE

Part I - Andhra Pradesh

1. Adi Andhra

9. 10 Beda (Budga) Jangam (in the district Heydrabad, Ranga Reddy. Mahbubnagar, Adilabad, Nizamabad, Medak, Karimnagar, Warangal, Khammam and Nalgonda)]

- 2. Adi Dravida
- 3. Anamuk
- 4. Aray Mala
- 5. Arundhatiya
- 6. Arwa Mala
- 7. Bariki
- 8. Bavuri

¹¹[11. Byagara, Byagari]

¹⁰. Bindla

- 1. Vide S.R.O. 385, dated 10th August, 1950, published in the Gazette of India, Extra, Pt. II, Sec. 3, dated 10th August, 1950.
- 2. Subs. by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Lists (Modification) Order, 1956.
- 3. Subs. by Act 18 of 1987, sec. 19 and First Sch., for "XXI" (w.e.f. 30-5-1987).
- 4. Subs. by Act 28 of 2000, sec. 19 and Third Sch., for "XXII" (w.e.f. 1-11-2000).
- 5. Subs. by Act 29 of 2000, sec. 24 and Fifth Sch., for "XXIII" (w.e.f. 9-11-2000).
- 6. Subs. by Act 63 of 1956, sec 3 and First Sch., for paragraph 3.
- 7. Subs. by Act 15 of 1990, sec.2, for "or the Sikh."
- 8. Subs. by Act 108 of 1976, sec.3 and First Sch., for paragraph 4 (w.e.f. 27-7-1977)
- 9. Subs. by Act 108 of 1976, sec.3 and First Sch., for the Schedule (w.e.f. 27-7.1977).
- 10. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec.2 and Sch.I, for entry 9 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002).
- 11. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 11 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002).

36. Mala Dasari 12. Chachati 13. Chalavadi 37. Mala Dasu

¹[14. Chamar, Mochi, Muchi, Chamar-38. Mala Hannai

Ravidas, Chamar-Rahidas] 39. Malajangam

40. Mala Masti

16. Chandala 41. Mala Sale, Nethani

17. Dakkal, Dokkalwar 42. Mala Sanyasi

18. Dandasi 43. Mang

44. Mang Garodi

45. Manne

15. Chambhar

19. Dhor

20. Dom, Dombara, Paidi, Pano

- 21. Ellamalawar, Yellammalawandlu
- 22. Ghasi, Haddi, Relli, Chanchandi
- ²[23. Godagali, Godagula (in the districts

of Srikakulam Vizianagram and

Vishakhapatanam)]

- 24. Godari
- 25. Gosangi
- 26. Holeya
- 27. Holeya Dasari
- 28. Jaggali
- 29. Jambuvulu
- ³[30. Kolupulavandlu, Pambala, Pambanda, Pambala]
- 31. Madasi Kuruva, Madari Kuruva
- 32. Madiga
- 33. Madiga Dasu, Mashteen
- 34. Mahar
- ⁴[35. Mala, Mala Ayawaru]

- 46. Mashti
- 47. Matangi
- 48. Mehtar
- 49. Mitha Ayyalvar
- 50. Mundala
- 51. Paky, Moti, Thoti

⁵[***]

- 53. Pamidi
- 54. Panchama, Pariah
- 55. Relli
- 56. Samgara
- 57. Samban
- 58. Sapru
- 59. Sindhollu, Chindollu
- ⁶[60. Yatala
 - 61. Valluvan]

PART - II Assam.

- 1. Bansphor
- 2. Bhuinmali, Mali
- 3. Brittial Bania, Bania
- 4. Bhupi, Dhobi
- 5. Dugla, Dholi
- 6. Hira

- 7. Jalkeot
- 8. Jhalo, Malo, Jhalo-Malo
- 9. Kaibartta, Jaliya
- 10. Lalbegi
- 11. Mahara
- 12. Mehtar, Bhangi
- 1. Subs. by the Act of 61 of 2002, sec.2 and Sch. I for entry 14(w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 2. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 23 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 3. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 30 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 4. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 35 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 5. Entry 52 omitted by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 6. Ins. by Act 61 of 2002, sec.2 and Sch. I (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 13. Muchi, Rishi

15. Patni

14. Namasudra

16. Sutradhar.

PART III - Bihar

- 1. Bantar
- 2. Bauri
- 3. Bhogta
- 4. Bhuiya
- 5. Bhumij 1[***]
- ²[6. Chamar, Mochi, Chamar-Rabidas, Chamar-Ravidas, Chamar-Rohidas,

Charmarkar]

- 7. Chaupal
- 8. Dabgar
- ³[9. Dhobi, Rajak]
- ⁴[10. Dom, Dhangad, Bansphor, Dharikar, Dhakar, Domra]
- 11. Dusadh, Dhari, Dharhi.

- 12. Ghasi
- 13. Halalkhor
- 14. Hari, Mehtar, Bhangi
- 15. Kanjar
- 16. Kurariar
- 17. Lalbegi
- 18. Musahar
- 19. Nat
- ⁵[20. Pan, Sawasi, Panr]
- 21. Pasi
- 22. Rajwar
- 23. Turi

PART IV. - Gujarat

- 1. Ager
- 2. Bakad, Bant
- 3. Bawa-Dedhi, Dedh-Sadhu
- ⁶[4. Bhambi, Bhambhi, Asadaru, Asodi,

Chamadia, chamar, Chamar-Ravidas,

Chambhar, Chamgar, Haralayya, Harali,

Khalpa, Machigar, Mochigar, Madar,

Madig. Mochi (in Dangs district and

Umergoan Taluka of Valsad district only),

Nalia, Telegu Mochi, Kamati Mochi, Ranigar

Rohidas, Rohit Samgar]

⁷[5. Bhangi, Mehtar, Olgana, Rukhi, Malkana,

Halalkhor, Lalbegi, Balmiki, Korar, Zadmalli,

Barwashia, Barwasia, Jamphoda

Zampada, Zampda, Rushi,

Valmiki]

- 6. Chalvadi, Channayya
- 7. Chenna Dasar, Holaya Dasar
- 8. Dangashia
- 9. Dhor, Kakkayya, Kankayya
- 10. Garmatang
- 11. Garoda, Garo
- 12. Halleer
- 13. Halsar, Haslar, Hulasvar, Halasvar
- 14. Holar, Valhar
- 15. Holaya, Holer
- 16. Lingader
- 17. Mahar, Taral, Dhegu Megu
- 1. The words "(excluding North Chhotanagpur and South Chhotanagpur divisions and Santhal Parganas district)" omitted by Act 30 of 2000, sec.23 and Fifth Sch. (w.e.f. 15-11-2000).
- 2. Subs. by Act of 61 of 2002, sec.2 and Sch. I for entry 6(w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 3. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 9 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 4. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 10 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).

- 5. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 20 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 6. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I for entry 4 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 7. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec.2 and Sch. I for entry 5 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 18. Mahyavanshi, Dhed, Dhedh, Vankar,

Maru Vankar, Antyaj

- 19. Mang, Matang, Minimadig
- 20. Mang-Garudi
- 21. Meghval, Meghwal, Menghvar
- 22. Mukri
- 23. Nadia, Hadi
- 24. Pasi
- 25. Senva, Shenva, Chenva, Sedma, Rawat
- 26. Shemalia
- 27. Thori
- 28. Tirgar, Tirbanda

- 29. Turi
- 30. Turi Barot, Dedh Barot
- ¹[31. Balahi, Balai
- 32. Bhangi, Mehtar
- 33. Chamar
- 34. Chikwa, Chikvi
- 35. Koli, Kori
- 36. Kotwal (in Bhind, Dhar, Dewas,

Guna, Gwalior, Indore, Jhabua,

Khargone, Mandsaur, Morena, Rajgarh, Ratlam, Shajapur,

Shivpuri, Ujjain and Vidisha districts).]

PART V - Haryana

- 1. Ad Dharmi
- 2. Balmikii Chura, Bhangi
- 3. Bangali
- 4. Barar, Burar, Berar
- 5. Batwal
- 6. Bauria, Bawaria
- 7. Bazigar
- 8. Bhanjra
- ²[9. Chamar, Jatia Chamar, Rehgar,

Raigar/Ramdasi, Ravidasi, Balahi,

Batoi, Bhatoi, Bhambi, chamar-Rohidas,

Jatav, Jatava, Mochi, Ramdasa]

- 10. Chanal
- 11. Dagi
- 12. Darain
- 13. Deha, Dhaya, Dhea
- 14. Dhanak
- 15. Dhogri, Dhangri, Siggi
- 16. Dunma, Mahasha, Doom
- 17. Gagra

- 18. Gandhila, Gandil Gondola
- 19. Kabirpanthi, Julaha
- 20. Khatik
- 21. Kori, Koli
- 22. Marija, Marecha
- ³[23. Mazhabi, Mazhabi Sikh]
- 24. Megh
- ⁴[25. Nat, Badi]
- 26. Od
- 27. Pasi
- 28. Perna
- 29. Pherera
- 30. Sanhai
- 31. Sanhal
- 32. Sansi, Bhedkut, Manesh
- 33. Sansoi
- ⁵[34. Sapela, Sapera]
- ³5. Sarera
- ⁶[36. Sikligar, Bariya]
- 37. Sirkiband.

- 1. Ins. by Act 32 of 2002, sec. 2 (w.e.f. 3-6-2002).
- 2. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 9 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 3. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 23 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 4. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I for entry 25 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 5. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec.2 and Sch. I for entry 34 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 6. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec.2 and Sch. I for entry 36 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).

PART VI - Himachal Pradesh

	PART VI – Himachai Pradesii		
1.	Ad Dharmi	29. Hesi	
2.	Badhi, Nagalu	30. Jogi	
3.	Balmiki Bhangi, Chuhra, Chura, Chuhre	31. Julaha, Julahe, Kabirpanthi, Keer	
4.	Bandhela	32. Kamoh, Dagoli	
5.	Bangali	33. Karoack	
6.	Banjara	34. Khatik	
7.	Bansi	35. Kori, Koli	
8.	Barad	36. Lohar	
9.	Barar, Burar, Berar	37. Marijia, Marecha	
10.	Batwal	38. Mazhabi	
11.	Bauria, Bawaria	39. Megh	
12.	Bazigar	40. Nat	
13.	Bhanjra, Bhanjre	41. Od	
14.	Chamar, Jatia Chamar, Rehgar, Rajgar,	42. Pasi	
	Ramdasi, Ravidasi, Ramdasia, Mochi	43. Perna	
15.	Chanal	44. Phrera, Pherera	
16.	Chhimbe Dhobi	45. Rehar, Rehara	
17.	Dagi	46. Sanhai	
18.	Darain	47. Sanhal	

21. Dhaki, Toori22. Dhanak23. Dhagori, Dhangri, Siggi24. Dhogri, Dhangri, Siggi25. Doom, Doomma, Dumna, Dumne, Mahasha

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26. Gagra

19. Darai, Daryai20. Daule, Deloe

27. Gandhila, Gandil, Gondola

28. Hali

52. Sikligar

51. Sarde, Sarera, Sarare, Siryare,

48. Sansi, Bhedkut, Manesh

54. Sirkiband

53. Sipi

55. Teli

49. Sansoi

50. Sapela

56. Thathiar, Thathera.

¹[57. Barwala]

²[PART VIA. – Jharkhand

1.	Bantar	6. Choupai
2.	Baurri	7. Dabajar
3.	Bhogta	8. Dhobi
4.	Bhuiya	9. Dom, Dhangad
5.	Chamar, Mochi	10. Dusadh, Dhari, Dharhi

- 1. Ins. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sec. I (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 2. Ins. by Act 30 of 2002, sec. 23 and Fifth Sch. (w.e.f. 15-11-2000).

11. Ghasi	17. Musahar
12. Halalkhor	18. Nat
13. Hair, Mehtar, Bhangi	19. Pan, Sawasi
14. Kanjar	20. Pasi
15. Kuraiar	21. Rajwar
16. Lalbegi	22. Turi]

PART VII. – Karnataka

1. Adi Andhra	² [23.	Bhovi, Od, Odde, Vaddar,
		Waddar, Voddar, Woddar]
2. Adi Dravida		
3. Adi Karnataka	24.	Bindla
4. Adiya (in Coorg district)	25.	Byagara
5. Ager	26.	Chakkiliyan
6. Ajila	27.	Chalavadi, Chalvadi, Channayya
7. Anamuk	28.	Chandala
8. Aray Mala	29.	Chenna Dasar, Holaya Dasar
9. Arunthathiyar	30.	Dakkal, dokkalwar
10. Arwa Mala	31.	Dakkaliga
11. Baira	32.	Dhor, Kakkayya, Kankayya
12. Bakad	33.	Dom, Dombara, Paidi, Pano
13. vant (in Belgaum, Bijapur, Dharwar	34.	Ellamalwar, Yellammalawandlu
and North Kanara district)	35.	Ganti Chores
14. Bakuga	36.	Garoda, Garo
15. Balagi	37.	Godda
16. Bandi	38.	Gosangi
¹ [17. Banjara, Lambani, Lambada, Lambadi,	39.	Halleer
Lamani, Sugali, Sukali]	40.	Halsar, Haslar, Hulasvar, halasvar

18. Bathada	41.	Handi Jogis
19. Beda Jangam, Budga Jangam	42.	Hasla
20. Bellara	43.	Holar, Valhar
21. Bhangi, Mehtar, Olgana, Rukhi,	44.	Holaya, Holer, Holeya
Malkana, Halalkhor, Lalbegi,	45.	Holeya Dasari
Balmiki Korar, Zadmalli	46.	Jaggali
22. Bhambi, Bhambhi, Asadaru, Asodi,	47.	Jambuvulu
Chamadia, Chamar, Chambhar, Chamgar	48.	Kadaiyan
Haralayya, Harali, Khalpa, Machigar,	49.	Kalladi
Mochigar, Madar, Madig, Mochi, Muchi,	50.	Kepmaris
Telegu Mochi, Kamati Mochi, Ranigar,	51.	Kolupulvandlu
Rohidas, Rohit, Samgar	52.	Koosa

- 1. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I for entry 17 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 2. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec.2 and Sch. I for entry 23 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).

¹ [53. Koracha, Korachar]	77.	Meghwal, Menghvar
² [54. Korama, Korava, Koravar]	78.	Moge
55. Kotegar, Metri	79.	Mukri
56. Kudumban	80.	Mundala
57. Kuravan	81.	Nadia, Hadi
58. Lingader	82.	Nalkadaya
59. Machala	83.	Nalakeyava
60. Madari	84.	Nayadi
61. Madiga	85.	Pale
62. Mahar, Taral, Dhegu Megu	86.	Pallan
63. Mahyavanshi, Dhed, Vankar,	87.	Pambada
Maru-maru-vonkar	88.	Panchama
64. Maila	89.	Panniandi
65. Mala	90.	Paaraiyan, Paraya
66. Mala Dasari	91.	Paravan
67. Mala Hannai	92.	Raneyar
68. Mala Jangam	93.	Samagara
69. Mala Masti	94.	Samban
70. Mala Sale, Netkani	95.	Sapari
71. Mala Sanyasi	96.	Sillekyathas
72. Mang, Matang, Minimadig	97.	Sindhollu, Chindollu
73. Mang Garudi, Mang Garodi	98.	Sudugadu Siddha
74. Manne	99.	Thoti

75. Masthi	100.	Tirgar, Tirbanda
76. Mavilan`	101.	Valluvan.

PART VIII- Kerala

1.	Adi Andhra	³ [***]	
2.	Adi Dravida	10.	Bathada
3.	Adi Karnataka	⁴ [*****]	
4.	Ajila	⁵ [12.	Bharathar (other than Parathar),
5.	Arunthathiyar		Paravan]
6.	Ayyanavar	⁶ [****]	
7.	Baira	14.	Chakkiliyan
8.	Bakuda	15.	Chamar, Muchi
		16.	Chandala

- 1. Subs. by Act of 61 of 2002, sec.2 and Sch. I for entry 53(w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 2. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 54 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 3. Entry 9 omitted by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 4. Entry 11 omitted by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 5.. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I for entry 12 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).
- 6. Entry 13 omitted by Act 61 of 2002, sec.2 and Sch. I (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).

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17. Cheruman	⁶ [37.	Mannan, Pathiyan, Perumannan,
18. Domban		Vannan, Velan]
¹ [***]	38.	Mavilan
² [***]	⁷ [39.	Moger (other than Mogeyar)]
² [***]	40.	Mundala
22. Gosangi	41.	Nalakeyava
23. Hasla	42.	Nakadaya
24. Holeya	43.	Nayadi
25. Kadaiyan	8[***]	
² [26. Kakkalan, Kakkan]	45.	Pallan
27. Kalladi	46.	Palluvan
³ [28. Kanakkan, Padanna, Padannan]	47.	Pambada
29. Karimpalan	48.	Panan
⁴[30. Kavara (other than Telugu speaking	⁹ [***]	
or Tamil speaking Balija, Kavarai,	¹⁰ [50.	Paraiyan, Parayan, Sambavar,
Gavara, Gavarai, Gavarai Naidu,		Sambavan, Sambava, Paraya,
Balija Naidu, Gajalu Balija or		Paraiya, Parayar]
Valai Chetty]	¹¹ [***]	

32. 33.	Koosa Kootan, Koodan Kudumban ayar	¹¹ [***] ¹¹ [***] ¹² [54.	Pulayan,	Cheramar,	Pulaya,	
•	4. Kuravan, Sidhanar, Kuravar, Kurava, Sidhana] Maila			Cheraman, Wa latha, Matha P	•	
	Malayan [in the areas comprising the	¹³ [***]				
00.	Malabar district as specified by sub-	56.	Puthirai Va	ınnan		
	Section (2) of section 5 of the States	57.	Raneva			
	Reorganisation Act, 1956 (37 of 1956)]	58.	Samagara			
		59.	Samban			
1.	Entries 19 to 21 omitted by Act of 61 of 2002, se	ec.2 and	Sch. I (w.e.	f. 17-12-2002).		
2.	Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 26 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).					
3.	Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 28 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).					
4.	4. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 30 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).					
5.	5. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I for entry 34 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).					
6.	. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec.2 and Sch. I, entry for 37 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).					
7.	. Subs. by Act of 61 of 2002, sec.2 and Sch. I for entry 39 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).					
8.	Entry 44 omitted by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and 9	Sch. I, (w.e.f. 17-12-	2002).		
9.	Entry 49 omitted by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and 9	Sch. I, (w.e.f. 17-12-	2002).		
10.	0. Subs.by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 50 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).					
11.	Entries 51 to 53 omitted by Act 61 of 2002, sec.	2 and S	Sch. I (w.e.f.	17-12-2002).		

¹ [60. Semman, Chemman, Chemmar]	² [***]
61. Thandan	67. Vetan
62. Thoti	³ [68. Vettuvan, Pulaya, Vettuvan (in the areas
63. Vallon	of erstwhile Cochin State
64. Volluvan	only)
² [***]	69. Nerian]

12. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec.2 and Sch. I, for entry 54 (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).

13. Entry 55 omitted by Act 61 of 2002, sec.2 and Sch. I (w.e.f. 17-12.2002).

PART IX -Madhya Pradesh

1. Audhelia	28. Kanjar
2. Bagri, Bagdi	29. Katia, Patharia
3. Bahana, Bahana	30. Khatik
4. Balahi,	31. Koli, Kori
5. Audhelia	32. Kotwal (in Bhind, Dhar, Dewas, Guna,
6. Barahar Basod	Gwalior, Indore, Jhabua, Khargone,
7. Bargunda	Mandsaur, Morena, Rajgarh, Ratlam,
8. Basor, Burud, Bansor, Bansodi,	Shajapur, Shivpuri, Ujjain and Vidisha
Bansphor, Basar	districts)
9. Bedia	33. Khangar, Kanera, Mirdha
10. Beldar, Sunkar	34. Kuchbandhia
11. Bhangi, Mehtar, Balmikit, Lalbegi,	35. Kumar (in Chhatarpur, Datia, Panna,
Dharkar	Rewa, Satna, Shahdol, Sidhi and
12. Bhanumati	Tikamgarh districts)
13. Chadar	⁴ [36.Mahar, Mehra, Mehar, Mahara]
14. Charmar, Chamari, Bairwa, Bhambhi,	37.Mang, Mang Garodi, Mang Garudi,
Jatav, Mochi, Regar, Nona, Rohidas,	Dankhani Mang, Mang Mahasi, Madari,
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Ramnami, Satnami, Surjyabanshi,	Garudi, Radhe Mang
Ramnami, Satnami, Surjyabanshi, Surjyaramnami, Ahirwar, Chamar,	38. Meghwal
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Surjyaramnami, Ahirwar, Chamar,	38. Meghwal
Surjyaramnami, Ahirwar, Chamar, Mangan, Raidas	38. Meghwal39. Moghia
Surjyaramnami, Ahirwar, Chamar, Mangan, Raidas 15. Chidar	38. Meghwal39. Moghia40. Muskhan
Surjyaramnami, Ahirwar, Chamar, Mangan, Raidas 15. Chidar 16. Chikwa, Chikvi	 38. Meghwal 39. Moghia 40. Muskhan 41. Nat, Kalbelia, Sapera, Navdigar,
Surjyaramnami, Ahirwar, Chamar, Mangan, Raidas 15. Chidar 16. Chikwa, Chikvi 17. Chitar	 38. Meghwal 39. Moghia 40. Muskhan 41. Nat, Kalbelia, Sapera, Navdigar, Kubutar
Surjyaramnami, Ahirwar, Chamar, Mangan, Raidas 15. Chidar 16. Chikwa, Chikvi 17. Chitar 18. Dahait, Dahayat, Dahat	 38. Meghwal 39. Moghia 40. Muskhan 41. Nat, Kalbelia, Sapera, Navdigar, Kubutar 42. Pardhi (in Bhind, Dhar, Dewas Guna,
Surjyaramnami, Ahirwar, Chamar, Mangan, Raidas 15. Chidar 16. Chikwa, Chikvi 17. Chitar 18. Dahait, Dahayat, Dahat 19. Dewar	 38. Meghwal 39. Moghia 40. Muskhan 41. Nat, Kalbelia, Sapera, Navdigar, Kubutar 42. Pardhi (in Bhind, Dhar, Dewas Guna, Gwazor, Indore, Jhabua, Khargone,
Surjyaramnami, Ahirwar, Chamar, Mangan, Raidas 15. Chidar 16. Chikwa, Chikvi 17. Chitar 18. Dahait, Dahayat, Dahat 19. Dewar 20. Dhanuh	 38. Meghwal 39. Moghia 40. Muskhan 41. Nat, Kalbelia, Sapera, Navdigar, Kubutar 42. Pardhi (in Bhind, Dhar, Dewas Guna, Gwazor, Indore, Jhabua, Khargone, Mandsaur, Morena, Rajarh, Ratlam,
Surjyaramnami, Ahirwar, Chamar, Mangan, Raidas 15. Chidar 16. Chikwa, Chikvi 17. Chitar 18. Dahait, Dahayat, Dahat 19. Dewar 20. Dhanuh 21. Dhed, Dher	 38. Meghwal 39. Moghia 40. Muskhan 41. Nat, Kalbelia, Sapera, Navdigar, Kubutar 42. Pardhi (in Bhind, Dhar, Dewas Guna, Gwazor, Indore, Jhabua, Khargone, Mandsaur, Morena, Rajarh, Ratlam, Shajapur, Shivpuri, Ujjain and Vidisha
Surjyaramnami, Ahirwar, Chamar, Mangan, Raidas 15. Chidar 16. Chikwa, Chikvi 17. Chitar 18. Dahait, Dahayat, Dahat 19. Dewar 20. Dhanuh 21. Dhed, Dher 22. Dhobi (in Bhopal, Raisen and Sehore	 38. Meghwal 39. Moghia 40. Muskhan 41. Nat, Kalbelia, Sapera, Navdigar, Kubutar 42. Pardhi (in Bhind, Dhar, Dewas Guna, Gwazor, Indore, Jhabua, Khargone, Mandsaur, Morena, Rajarh, Ratlam, Shajapur, Shivpuri, Ujjain and Vidisha districts)
Surjyaramnami, Ahirwar, Chamar, Mangan, Raidas 15. Chidar 16. Chikwa, Chikvi 17. Chitar 18. Dahait, Dahayat, Dahat 19. Dewar 20. Dhanuh 21. Dhed, Dher 22. Dhobi (in Bhopal, Raisen and Sehore district)	 38. Meghwal 39. Moghia 40. Muskhan 41. Nat, Kalbelia, Sapera, Navdigar, Kubutar 42. Pardhi (in Bhind, Dhar, Dewas Guna, Gwazor, Indore, Jhabua, Khargone, Mandsaur, Morena, Rajarh, Ratlam, Shajapur, Shivpuri, Ujjain and Vidisha districts) 43. Pasi
Surjyaramnami, Ahirwar, Chamar, Mangan, Raidas 15. Chidar 16. Chikwa, Chikvi 17. Chitar 18. Dahait, Dahayat, Dahat 19. Dewar 20. Dhanuh 21. Dhed, Dher 22. Dhobi (in Bhopal, Raisen and Sehore district) 23. Dohor	 38. Meghwal 39. Moghia 40. Muskhan 41. Nat, Kalbelia, Sapera, Navdigar, Kubutar 42. Pardhi (in Bhind, Dhar, Dewas Guna, Gwazor, Indore, Jhabua, Khargone, Mandsaur, Morena, Rajarh, Ratlam, Shajapur, Shivpuri, Ujjain and Vidisha districts) 43. Pasi 44. Rujjhar
Surjyaramnami, Ahirwar, Chamar, Mangan, Raidas 15. Chidar 16. Chikwa, Chikvi 17. Chitar 18. Dahait, Dahayat, Dahat 19. Dewar 20. Dhanuh 21. Dhed, Dher 22. Dhobi (in Bhopal, Raisen and Sehore district) 23. Dohor 24. Dom, Dumar, Dome, Domar, Doris	 38. Meghwal 39. Moghia 40. Muskhan 41. Nat, Kalbelia, Sapera, Navdigar, Kubutar 42. Pardhi (in Bhind, Dhar, Dewas Guna, Gwazor, Indore, Jhabua, Khargone, Mandsaur, Morena, Rajarh, Ratlam, Shajapur, Shivpuri, Ujjain and Vidisha districts) 43. Pasi 44. Rujjhar 45. Sansi, Sansia

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^{1.} Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 60 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)

- 2. Entries 65 and 66 omitted by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)
- 3. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 68 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)
- 4. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 36 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)

PART X – Maharashtra

1.	Anger	28.	Kaikadi (in Akola, Amravati, Bhandara,
2.	Anamuk		Buldana, Nagpur, Wardha and Yavatmal
3.	Aray Mala		districts and Chandrapur district, other
4.	Arwa Mala		than Rajura tahsil)
5.	Bahna, Bahana	29.	Katia, patharia
6.	Bakad, Bant	30.	Khangar, Kanera, Mirdha
7.	Balahi, Balai	31.	Khatik, Chikwa, Chikvi
8.	Basor, Burud, Bansor, Bansodi	32.	Kolupulvandlu
9.	Beda, Jangam, Budga Jangam	33.	Kori
10.	Bedar	34.	Lingader
11.	Bhambi, Bhambhi, Asadaru, Asodi,	35.	Madgi
	Chamadia, Chamar, Chamari, Chambhar,	36.	Madiga
	Chamgar, Haralayya, Harali, Khalpa,	37.	Mahar, Mehra, Taral, Dhegu, Megu
	Machigar, Mochigar, Madar, Madig,	38.	Mahyavanshi, Dhed, Vankar, Maru
	Mochi, Telegu Mochi, Kamati Mochi,		Vankar
	Ranigar, Rohidas, Nona, Ramnami, Rohit,	39.	Mala
	Samgar, Samagara, Satnami,	40.	Mala Dasari
	Surjyabanshi, Surjaramnami.	41.	Mala Hannai
12.	Bhangi, Mehtar, Olgana, Rukhi, Malkana,	42.	Mala Jangam
	Halalkhor, Lalbegi, Balmiki, Korar,	43.	Mala Masti
	Zadmalli	44.	Mala Sale, Netkani
13.	Bindla	45.	Mala Sanyasi
14.	Byagara	46.	Mang, Matang, Minimadig, Dankhni
15.	Chalvadi, Channayya		Mang, Mang Mahashi, Madari, Garudi,
16.	Chenna, Dasar, Holaya dasar, Holeya		Radhe Mang
	Dasari	47.	Mang Garodi, Mang Garudi
17.	Dakkal, Dokkalwar	48.	Manne
18.	Dhor, Kakkayya, Kankayya, Dohor	49.	Mashti
19.	Dom, Dumar	50.	Meghval, Menghvar
20.	Ellamalvar, Yellammalawandlu	51.	Mitha Ayyalvar
21.	Ganda, Gandi	52.	Mukri
22.	Garoda, Garo	53.	Nadia, Hadi
23.	ghasi, Ghasia	54.	Pasi
24.	Halleer	55.	Sansi
25.	Halsar, Haslar, Hulasvar, Halasvar	56.	Shenva, Chenva, Sedma, Ravat
26.	Holar, Valhar	57.	Sindhollu, Chindollu
27.	Holaya, Holer, Holeya, Holiya	58.	Tirgar, Tirbanda
		59.	Turi

1. Ins. By Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I (w.e.f. 17-12-2002).

PART XI - Manipur

- 1. Dhupi, Dhobi
- 2. Lois
- 3. Muchi, Ravidas

2. Bhuinmali, Mali

4. Dhupi, Dhobi

5. Dugla, Dholi

6. Hira

7. Jalkeot

3. Brittial Bania, Bania

4. Namasudra

- 5. Patni
- 6. Sutradhar
- 7. Yaithibi

PART XII-Meghalaya

- 1. Bansphor 9. Kaibartta, Jaliya
 - 10. Lalbegi
 - 11. Mahara
 - 12. Mehtar, Bhangi
 - 13. Muchi, Rishi
 - 14. namasudra
 - 15. Patni
 - 16. Sutradhar

PART XIII-Orissa

- 1. Adi Andhra
- ¹[2. Amant, Amat, Dandachhatra,

8. Jahalo, Malo, Jahalo-Malo

Majhi]

- 2. Audhelia
- 3. Audhelia
- 4. Badaik
- 5. Bagheti, Baghuti
- 6. Bajikar
- 7. Bari
- 8. Bariki
- 9. Basor, Burud
- ²[10.Bauri, Buna Bauri, Dasia Bauri]
- 11. Bauti
- 12. Bavuri
- 13. Bedia, Bejia
- 14. Beldar
- 15. Bhata

- 16. Bhoi
- 17. Chachati
- 18. Chakali
- 19. Chamar, Mochi, Muchi, Satnami
- 20. Chandala
- 21. Chandhai Maru
- ³[***]
- 23. Dandasi
- ⁴[24.Dewar, Dhibara, Keuta, Kaibarta]
- 24. Dhanwar
- 25. Dhanwar
- 26. Dhoba, Dhobi
- 27. Dom, Dombo, Duria dom
- 28. Dosadha
- 29. Ganda
- 30. Ghantarghada, Ghantra
- 31. Ghasi, Ghasia

- 1. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 2(w.e.f. 17.12.2002)
- 2. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 10 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)
- 3. Entry 22 omitted by Act 25 of 2002, sec. 2 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)
- 4. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 24 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)
- 32. Ghogia
- 33. Ghusuria
- 34. Godagali
- 35. Godari
- 36. Godra
- 37. Gokha
- 38. Gorait, Korait
- 39. Haddi, Hadi, Hari
- 40. Irika
- 41. Jaggali
- ¹[42. Kandra, Kandara, Kadama]
- 43. Karua
- 44. Katia
- ²[45. Kela, Sapua Kela, Nalua Kela, Sabakhia Kela, Matia Kela]
- 46. Khadala
- 47. Kodalo, Khodalo
- 48. Kori
- 49. Kummari
- 50. Kurunga
- 51. Laban
- 52. Laheri
- 53. Madari
- 54. Madiga
- 55. Mahuria
- ³[56. Mala, Jhala, Malo, Zala, Malha,
 - Jhola]
- 56. Mang

- 61. Mewar
- 62. Mundapotta
- 63. Musahar
- 64. Nagarchi
- 65. namasudra
- 66. Paidi
- 67. Painda
- 68. Pamidi
- ⁴[69.Pan, Pano, Buna Pana, desua pana]
- 70. Panchama
- 71. Panika
- 72. Panka
- 73. Pantanti
- 74. Pap
- 75. Pasi
- 76. Patial, Patikar, Patratanti, Patua
- 77. Rajna
- 78. Relli
- 79. Sabakhia
- 80. Samasi
- 81. Sanei
- 82. Sapuri
- 83. Sauntia, Santia
- 84. Sidhria
- 85. Sinduria
- ⁵[86. Siyal, Khajuria]
- 87. Tamadia
- 88. Tamudia

- 57. Mang
- 58. Mangan
- 59. Mehra, Mahar
- 60. Mehtar, Bhangi

- 89. Tanla
- ⁶[***]
- 91. Turi
- 92. Ujia
- 93. Valamiki, Valmiki
- ⁷[94. Mangali (in Koraput and Kalahandi districts.
- 95. Mirgan (in Navrangpur district)
- 1. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 42 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)
- 2. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 45 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)
- 3. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 56 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)
- 4. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 69 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)
- 5. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I, for entry 86 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)
- 6. Entry 90 omitted by Act 25 of 2002, sec. 2 (w.e.f. 24.5.2002)
- 7. Ins. by Act 25 of 2002, sec. 2 (w.e.f. 24.5.2002).

PART XIV-PUNJAB

Kabirpanthi, Julaha 1. Ad Dharmi 19. 2. Balmiki, Chura, Bhangi 20. Khatik 3. Bangali 21. Kori, Koli 22. 4. Barar, Burar, Berar Marija, Marecha ¹[5. $^{3}[23.$ Batwal, Barwala] Mazhabi, Mazhabi Sikh] 6. Bauria, Bawaria 24. Megh 7. **Bazigar** 25. Nat 8. 26. Bhanjra Od ²[9. Chamar, Jatia Chamar, Rehgar, 27. Pasi Raigar, Ramdasi, Ravidasi, 28. Perna ramdasia, Ramdasia 29. Pherera Sikh, Ravidasia, Ravidasia Sikh] 30. Sanhai 10. 31. Chanal Sanhal 32. 11. Dagi Sansi, Bhedkut, Manesh 12. 33. Darain Sansoi 13. Deha, Dhaya, Dhea 34. Sapela 14. Dhanak 35. Sarera 15. Dhogri, Dhangri, siggi 36. Sikligar 16. Dumna, Mahasha, Doom 37. Sirkiband ⁴[38. Mochi] 17. Gagra

PART XV. - Rajastjam

1.	Adi Dharma	14.	Bhangi,	Chura,	Mehtar,	Olgana,	Rukhi,
			Malkana,	Halalkho	or, Lalbegi,	Balmiki,	Valmiki,
			Korar, Za	admalli			
2.	Aheri	15	Bidakia				

Gandhila, Gandil, Gondola

18.

- 3. Badi
- 4. Bagri, Bagd
- 5. Bairwa, Berwa
- 6. Bajgar
- 7. Balai
- 8. Bansphor, Banshod
- 9. Baori
- 10. Bargi, Vargi, Birgi
- 11. Bawaria
- 12. Bedia, Beria
- 13. Bhand

- 16. Bola
- 17. Chamar, Bhambhi, Bambhi, Bhambi, Jatia, Jatav, Jatava, Mochi, Raidas, Rohidas, Regar, Raigar, Ramdas, Asadaru, Asodi, Chamadia, Chambhar, Chamgar, Haralayya, Harali, Khalpa, Machigai, Mochigar, Majar, Madig, Telugu, Mochi, Kamati Mochi, Ranigar, Rohit, Samgar.

- 1. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec.2. and Sch. I, for entry 86 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002).
- 2. Subs. by Act 25 of 2002, sec.2 for entry 9 (w.e.f. 24.5.2002).
- 3. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec.2. and Sch. I, for entry 23 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002).
- 4. Ins. by Act 25 of 2002, sec.2 (w.e.f. 24.5.2002).
- 18. Chandal
- 19. Dabgar
- 20 Dhanak, Dhanuk
- 21. Dhankia
- 22. Dhobi
- 23. Dholi
- 24. Dome, Dom
- 25. Gandia
- 26. Garancha, Gancha
- 27. Garo, Garura, Gurda, Garoda
- 28. Gavaria
- 29. Godhi

- 40. Madari, Bazigar
- 41. Mahar, Taral, Dhegumegu
- 42. Mahyavanshi, Dhed, Dheda, Vankar, Maru Vankar
- 43. Majhabi
- 44. Mang, Matang, Minimadig
- 45. Mang, Garodi, Mang Garudi
- 46. Megh, Meghval, Meghwal, Menghvar
- 47. Mehar
- 48. Nat, Nut
- 49. Pasi
- 50. Rawal
- 51. Salvi

- 30. Jingar
- 31. Kalbelia, Saperia
- 32. Kamad, Kamadia
- 33. Kanjar, Kunjar
- 34. Kapadia Sansi
- 35. Khangar
- 36. Khatik
- 37. Koli, Kori
- 38. Kooch Band, Kuchband
- 39. Koria

- 52. Sansi
- 53. Santia, Satia
- 54. Sarbhangi
- 55. Sargara
- 56. Singiwala
- 57. Thori, Nayak
- 58. Tirgar, Tirbanda
- 59. Turi.

PART XVI.- Tamil Nadu

		26.	Kadaiyan
1.	Adi Andhra	26.	Kakkalan (in Kanyakumari district
2.	Adi Drayida		and Shenkottah taluk of Tirunelveli
3.	Adi Karnataka		district)
4.	Ajila	27.	Kalladi
5.	Arunthathiyar	28.	Kanakkan, Padanna (in the Nilgiris
6.	Ayyanavar (in Kanyakumari		district)
	district and Shnkottah taluk of	29.	Karimpalan
	Tirunelveli district)	30.	Kavara (in Kanyakumari district and
7.	Baira		Shenkottah taluk of Tirunelveli
8.	Bakuda		district)
9.	Bandi	31.	Koliyan
10.	Bellara	32.	Koosa
11.	Bharatar (in Kanyakumari district and	33.	Kootan, Koodan (in Kanyakumari
	Shenkottah taluk of Tirunelveli		district and Shenkottah taluk of
	District)		Tirunelveli district)
12.	Chakkiliyan	34.	Kudumban
13.	Chalavadi	35.	Kuravan, Sidhanar
14.	Chamar, Mauchi	36.	Madari
15.	Chandala	37.	Madiga
16.	Cheruman	38.	Maila
17.	Devendrakulathan	39.	Mala
18.	Dom, Dombara, Paidi, Pano	40.	Mannan (in Kanyakumari district and
19.	Domban		Shenkottah taluk of Tirunelveli
20.	Godagali		district)
21.	Godda	41.	Mavilan
22.	Gosangi	42.	Moger
23.	Holeya	43.	Mundala
24.	Jaggali	44.	Nalakeyava
25.	Jambuvulu	45.	Nayadi

47.	Padannan Padannan (in Kanyakumari	62.	Samagara
	district and Shenkottah taluk of	63.	Samban
	Tirunelveli district)	64.	Sapari
48.	Pagadai	65.	Semman
49.	Pallan	66.	Thandan (in Kanyakumari district and
50.	Palluvan		Shenkottah taluk of Tirunelveli
51.	Pambada		district)
52.	Panan (in Kanyakumari district and	67.	Thoti
	Shenkottah taluk of Tirunelveli	68.	Tiruvalluvar
	district)	69.	Vallon
53.	Panchama	70.	Valluvan
54.	Pannadi	71.	Vannan (in Kanyakumari district and
55.	Panniandi		Shenkottah taluk of Tirunelveli
56.	Paraiyan, Parayan, Sambavar		district)
57.	Paravan (in Kanyakumari district and	72.	Vathiriyan
	Shenkottah taluk of Tirunelveli	73.	Velan
	district)	74.	Vetan (in Kanyakumari district and
58.	Pathiyan (in Kanyakumari district		Shenkottah taluk of Tirunelveli
	and Shenkottah taluk of Tirunelveli		district)
	district)	75.	Vettiyan
59.	Pulayan, Cheramar	76.	Vettuvan (in Kanyakumari district and
60.	Puthirai Vannan		Shenkottah taluk of Tirunelveli
61.	Raneyar		district)

PART XVII - Tripura

Bagdi 1. 18. Keot 2. Bhuimali 19. Khadit 3. Bhunar 20. Kharia 4. Chamar, Muchi 21. Koch 5. Koir Dandasi 22. 6. Dhenuar 23. Kol 7. Dhoba 24. Kora 8. 25. Kotal Dum 9. Mahisyadas Ghasi 26. 10. Gour 27. Mali 11. Gur 28. Mehtor 29. Musahar 12. Jalia Kaibarta 13. Kahar 30. Namasudra Kalindi 31. 14. Patni Kan 15. 32. Sabar Kanda ¹[33. Dhuli, Sabdakar, Badyakar] 16. ¹[34. Natta, Nat] Kanugh 17.

PART XVIII – Uttar Pradesh

1.	Agariya	12.	Bangali
2.	Badhik	13.	Banmanus
3.	Badi	14.	Bansphor
4.	Baheliya	15.	Barwar
5.	Baiga	16.	Basor
6.	Baiswar	17.	Bawariya
7.	Bajaniya	18.	Beldar
8.	Bajgi	19.	Beriya
9.	Balahar	20.	Bhantu
10.	Balai	21.	Bhuiya
11.	Balmiki	22.	Bhuyiar

23.	Boria	45.	Khairaha
24.	Chamar, Dhusia, Jhusia, Jatava	46.	Kharwar (excluding Bengansi)
25.	Chero	47.	Khatik
26.	Dabgar	48.	Khorot
27.	Dhangar	49.	Kol
28.	Dhanuk	50	Kori
29.	Dharkar	51.	Korwa
30.	Dhobi	52.	Lalbegi
31.	Dom	53.	Majhwar
32.	Domar	54.	Mazhabi
33.	Dusadh	55.	Musahar
34.	Gharami	56.	Nat
35.	Ghasiya	57.	Pankha
36.	Gond	58.	Parahiya
37.	Gual	59.	Pasi, Tarmali
38.	Habura	60.	Patari
39.	Hari	61.	Rawat
40.	Hela	62.	Saharya
41.	Kalabaz	63.	Sanaurhiya
42.	Kanjar	64.	Sansiya
43.	Kkapariya	65.	Shilpkar
44.	Karwal	66.	Turaiha

^{1.} Ins. By Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)

PART XIX – West Bengal

1.	Bagdi, Duley	29.	Kaora
2.	Bahelia	30.	Karenga, Koranga Kaur
3.	Baiti	31.	Kaur
4.	Bantar	32.	Keot, Keyot
5.	Bauri	33.	Khaira
6.	Beldar	34.	Khatik
7.	Bhogta	35.	Koch
8.	Bhuimali	36.	Konai
9.	Bhuiya	37.	Konwar
10.	Bind	38.	Kotal
11.	Chamar, Charmakar, Mochi, Muchi,	39.	Kurariar
	Rabidas, Ruidas, Rishi	40.	lalbegi
12.	Chaupal	41.	Lohar
13.	Dabgar	42.	Mahar
14.	Damai (Nepali)	43.	Mal
15.	Dhoba, Dhobi	44.	Mallah
16.	Doai	45.	Musahar
17.	Dom, Dhangad	46.	Namasudra
18.	Dosadh, Dusadh, Dhari, Dharhi	47.	Nat
19.	Ghashi	48.	Naniya
20.	Gonrhi	49.	Pan, Sawasi
21.	Halalkhor	50.	Paliya
¹ [22.	Hari, Mehtar, Mehtor, Bhangi,	51.	Pasi
	Balmiki]	52.	Patni
23.	Jalia Kaibartta	53.	Pod, Poundra
24.	Jhalo Malo, Malo	54.	Rajbanshi
25.	Kadar	55.	Rajwar
26.	Kami (Nepali)	56.	Sarki(Nepali)
27.	Kandra	57.	Sunri (excluding Saha)
28.	Kanjar	58.	Гіуаг
		59.	Turi]

²[60. Chain (in Malda, Murshidabad, Nadia and Dakshin Dinajpur districts]

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Subs. by Act 25 of 2002, sec. 2 for entry 22 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002) 1.

Ins. By Act 25 of 2002, sec. 2 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002) 2.

Jhalo, Malo or Jhalo- Malo

¹[PART XX -Mizoram

1.	Bansphor	9.	kaibartta or Jaliya
2.	Bhuinmali or Mali	10.	Lalbegi
3.	Brittial-Bania or Bania	11.	Mahara
4.	Dhupi or Dhobi	12.	Mehtar or Bhangi
5.	Dugla or Dhobi	13.	Muchi or Rishi
6.	Hira	14.	Namasudra
7.	Jalkeopt	15.	Patni

²[PART XXII – Arunachal Pradesh 3[***]

Sutradhar

⁴[PART XXII – Goa

16.

- 1. Bhangi (Hadi) Mahyavanshi (Vankar) 2. Chambhar Mang.] 5.
- 3. Mahar

⁵[PART XXII -Chhattisgarh

1. Audhelia 21. Dhed, Dher 2. Bagri, Bagdi 22. Dohor 3. Bahna, Bahana 23. Dom, Dumar, Dome, Domer, 4. Balahi, Balai Doris 5. Banchada 24. Ganda, Gandi 6. Barahar, Basod 25. Ghasi, Ghasia 7. Bargunda 26. Holiya 8. Basor, Burud, Bansor, Bansodi, 27. Kanjar Bansphor, Basar 28. Katia, Patharia 9. 29. Khatik Bedia 10. Beldar, Sunkar 30. Koli, Kori Bhangi, Mehtar, balmiki, Lalbegi, 31. Khangar, Kanera, Mirdha 11. dharkar 32. Kuchbandhia 12. Bhanumati 33. Mahar, Mehra, Mehar 13. Chadar 34. Mang, Mang Garodi, Mang 14. Chamar, Chamari, Bairwa, Garudi, Dankhani Mang, Mang Bhambhi, Jatav, Mochi, Regar, Mahasi, Madari, Garudi, radhe Rohidas. Ramnami. Mang Nona, Satnami, Suryaramnmi, Ahirwar, 35. Meghwal Chamar, Mangan, Raidas 36. Moghia 15 Chidar 37 Muskhan 16. Chikwa, Chikvi 38. Nat, Kalbelia, Sapera, Navdigar, 17. Chitar Kubutar 18. Dahait, Dahayat, Dahat 39. Pasi 19. Dewar 40. Rajjhar

20. Dhanuk

41. Sansi, Sansia

Silawat

43. Zamral]

^{1.} Ins. by Act 34 of 1986, sec. 13 and First Sch. (w.e.f. 20.2.1987).

^{2.} Ins. by Act 34 of 1986, sec. 13 and First Sch. (w.e.f. 20.2.1987).

- Entries 1 to 16 omitted by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. I (w.e.f. 17.12.2002) Ins. by Act 18 of 1987, sec. 19 and First Sch. (w.e.f. 20.2.1987). Ins. by Act 28 of 2000, sec. 19 and Third Sch. (w.e.f. 1.11.2000). 3.
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- 5.

¹[PART XXIV -Uttaranchal

			L. 7 (1 C. 7 (2)		
1.	Agariy			33.	Dusadh
2.	Badhik			34.	Dharmi
3.	Badi			35.	Dhariya
4.	Baheliya			36.	Gond
5.	Baiga			37.	Gwal
6.	Baiswar			38.	Habura
7.	Bajanihya			39.	Hari
8.	Bajgi			40.	Hela
9.	Balhar			41.	Kalabaz
10.	Balai			42.	Kanjar
11.	Balmiki			43.	Kapariya
12.	Bangali			44.	Kirwal
13.	Banmanus			45.	Kharaita
14.	Bansphor			46.	Kharwar (excluding Vanwasi)
15.	Barwar			47.	Khatik
16.	Basor			48.	Kharot
17.	Bawariya			49.	Kol
18.	Beldar			50.	Kori
19.	Beriya			51.	Korwa
20.	Bhantu			52.	Lalbegi
21.	Bhuiya			53.	Majhwar
22.	Bhuyiar			54.	Mazhabi
23.	Boria			55.	Musahar
24.	Chamar,	Dhusia,	Jhusia,	56.	Nat
	Jatava			57.	Pankha
25.	Chero			58.	Parahiya

- 26. Dabgar 59. Pasi, Tarmali
- 27. Dhangar 60. Patari
- 28. Dhanuk 61. Sahariya
- 29. Dharkar 62. Sanaurhiya
- 30. Dhobi 63. Sansiya
- 31. Dom 64. Shilpkar
- 32. Domar 65. Turaiha]

The CONSTITUTION (SCHEDULED CASTES) (UNION TERRITORIES) ORDER, 1951¹ (C.O.) 32)

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause(1) of article 341 of the Constitution of India, as amended by the Constitution (First Amendment) Act, 1951, the President is pleased to make the following Order, namely:-

- 1. This Order may be called the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) 2[(Union Territories)] Order, 1951.
- 2. Subject to the provisions of this Order, the castes, races or tribes or parts of, or groups within, castes or tribes, specified in 3[Parts I to III] of the Schedule to this Order shall, in relation to the 2[Union territories] to which those Parts respectively relate, be deemed to be Scheduled Castes so far as regards members thereof resident in the localities specified in relation to them respectively in those Parts of that Schedule.
- 4[3. Notwithstanding anything contained in paragraph 2, no person who professes a religion different from the Hindi 5[the Sikh or the Buddhist] religion shall be deemed to be a member of a Scheduled Caste.]
- 6[4. Any reference in this Order to a Union territory in Part I of the Schedule shall be construed as a reference to the territory constituted as a Union territory as from the first day of November, 1956, any reference to a Union territory in part II of the Schedule shall be construed as a reference to the territory constituted as a Union territory in Part III of the Schedule shall be construed as a reference to the territory constituted as a Union territory as from the day appointed under clause (b) of section 2 of the Goa, Daman and Diu Reorganisation Act, 1957.]

¹[THE SCHEDULE]

PART I -Delhi

Throughout the Union territory:-

Julaha (Weaver)

Kabirpanthi

Kachhandha

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1.	Adi Dharmi	20.	Kanjar or Giarah
2.	Agria	21.	Khatik
3.	Aheria	22.	KoliMadari
4.	Balai	23.	Lalbegi
5.	Banjara	24.	Madari
6.	Bawaria	25.	Mallah
7.	Bazigar	26.	Mazhabi
8.	Bhangi	27.	Meghwal
9.	Bhil	28.	Naribut
10.	Chamar, Chanwar, Chamar,	¹ [29.	Nat (Rana), Badi]
	Jatava Jatav Charm, Mochi,	30.	Pasi
	Ramdasia, Ravidasi, Raidasi,	31.	Perna
	Rehgarh or Raigar	32.	Sansi or Bhedkut
11.	Chohra (Sweeper)	33.	Sapera
12.	Chuhra (Balmiki)	34.	Sikligar
13.	Dhanak or Dhanuk	35.	Singiwal or Kalbelia
14.	Dhobi	36.	Sirkiband
15.	Dom		
16.	Gharrami		

- 1. Vide Notification No. C.O. 32, dated 20th September, 1951, published in the Gazette of India, Extra, Pt. II, sec. 3, dated 20th September, 1951.
- 2. Subs. By the Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes Lista (Modification) Order, 1956.

- 3. Subs. By Act 18 of 1987, sec. 19 and First Sch., for "Parts I to IV" (w.e.f. 30-5-1987).
- 4. Subs. By Act 63 of 1956, sec. 3 and Sch. II, for paragraph 3.
- 5. Subs. By Act 15 of 1990, sec. 3 for "or the Sikh".

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⁴[⁵[PART II] – Chandigarh

1.	Adh Dharmi	14.	Dhogri, Dhangri or Siggi
2.	Bangali	15.	Dumna, Mahasha or Doom
3.	Barar, Burar or Berar	16.	Gagra
4.	⁶ [4. Batwal, Barwala]	17.	Gandhila, or Gandhi Gondola
5.	Balmiki, chura or Bhangi	18.	Kabirpanthi or Julaha
6.	Bazigar	19.	Khatik
7.	Balmiki, Chura or Bhangi	20.	Kori or Koli
8.	Bhanjra	21.	Marija or Marecha
9.	Chamar, Jatia Chamar, Rehgar,	22.	Mazhabi
	Raigar, Ramdasi or Ravidasi	23.	Megh
10.	Chanal	24.	Nat
11.	Dagi	25.	Od
12.	Darain	26.	Pasi
13.	Dhanak		

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^{1.} Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. II, for entry 29 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)

Part II relating to Himachal Pradesh Omitted by Act 53 of 1970, Sec. 19 and Sch. II (w.e.f. 25.1.1971)

^{3.} Parts III and IV relating to Manipur and Tripura respectively omitted by Act 81 of 1971, sec. 25 and Sch. III (w.e.f. 27.1.1972)

^{4.} Added by Act 31 of 1966, sec. 27 and Sch. IX (w.e.f. 1.11.1966)

^{5.} Part V renumbered as part II by Act 81 of 1971, sec. 25 and Sch. III (w.e.f. 21.1.1972)

^{6.} Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. II, for entry 4 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)

27. Perna
28. Pherera
29. Sanhai
30. Sarera
31. Sansoi
32. Sansi, Bhedkut or Manesh
33. Sapela
34. Sarera
35. Sikligar
36. Sirkiband.]

¹[PART III – Daman and Diu

Throughout the Union Territory:-

1. Bhangi (Hadi)	3.	Mahar
² [2. Chambhar, Mochi]	4.	Mahyavanshi (Vankar)
	5.	Mang.]

- Original Part III relating to Mizoram omitted and Part IV renumbered as Part III by Act 34 of 1986, sec. 13 and second Sch. (w.e.f. 20.2.1987). Original Part III relating to Arunachal Pradesh omitted by Act 69 of 1986, sec.16 and Second Sch. (w.e.f. 20.2.1987) and part III in respect of Daman and Diu ins. By Act 18 of 1987, sec. 19 and first Sch. (w.e.f. 30.5.1987).
- 2. Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. II, for entry 2 w.e.f. 17.12.2002).

THE CONSTITUTION (JAMMU AND KASHMIR) SCHEDULED CASTES ORDER, 1956¹

(C.O. 52)

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause(1) of article 341 of the Constitution of India, the President, after consultation with the Sadar-i-Riyasat of Jammu and Kashmir, is pleased to make the following Order, namely:-

- This Order may be called the Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir)
 Scheduled Castes Order, 1956.
- 2. This castes specified in the Schedule to this Order shall, for the purposes of the constitution, be deemed to be Scheduled Castes in relation to the State of Jammu and Kashmir:

Provided that no person, who professes a religion different from the Hindu ²[, the Sikh or the Buddhist] religion, shall be deemed to be a member of a Scheduled Caste.

THE SCHEDULE

- 1. Barwala
- 2. Basith
- 3. Batwal
- ³[4. Chamar or Ramdasi, Chamar Ravidas, Chamar-Rohidas]
- ⁴[5. Chura, Bhangi, Balmiki, Mehtar]
 - 6. Dhyar
- ⁵[7. Doom or Mahasha, Dumana

- 8. Gardi
- 9. Jolaha
- 10. Megh or Kabirpanthi
- 11. Ratal
- 12. Saryara
- 13. Watal

Vide S.R.O. 3135A, dated 22nd December, 1956, published in the Gazette of India, Extra, Pt. II, Sec. 3, dated 22nd December, 1956.

^{2.} Subs. by Act 15 of 1990, sec. 6, for "or the Sikh" (w.e.f. 3.6.1990).

^{3.} Subs. by Act 61 of 2002 sec.2 and Sch III, for entry 4 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002).

^{4.} Subs. by Act 61 of 2002 sec.2 and Sch III, for entry 5 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002).

^{5.} Subs. by Act 61 of 2002 sec.2 and Sch III, for entry 7 (w.e.f. 17.12.2002).

THE CONSTITUTION (DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI) SCHEDULED CASTES ORDER, 1962¹ (C.O. 64)

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause(1) of article 341 of the Constitution of India, as amended by the Constitution (First Amendment) Act, 1951, the President is pleased to make the following Order, namely:-

- 1. This Order may be called the Constitution (Dadra and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Castes Order, 1962.
- 2. This castes races or tribes, or parts of, or groups within, castes races or tribes specified in the Schedule to this Order Shall, for the purposes of the Constitution, be deemed to be Scheduled Castes in relation to the Union territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli so far as regards members thereof resident in that Union territory:

Provided that no person, who professes a religion different from the Hindu ²[, the Sikh or the Buddhist] religion, shall be deemed to be a member of a Scheduled Caste.

THE SCHEDULE

1. Bhangi

Mahar

2. Chamar

³[4. Mahayavanshi]

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^{1.} Vide G.S.R. 300, dated 30th June, 1962, published in the Gazette of India, Pt. II, Sec. 3, dated 30th June, 1962.

^{2.} Subs. by Act 15 of 1990, Sec. 5, for "or the Sikh" (w.e.f. 3.6.1990)

^{3.} Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. IV (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)

THE CONSTITUTION (PONDICHERRY) SCHEDULED CASTES ORDER, 1964¹ (C.O. 68)

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause(1) of article 341 of the Constitution of India, as amended by the Constitution (First Amendment) Act, 1951, the President is pleased to make the following Order, namely:-

- 1. This Order may be called the Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order, 1964.
- 2. This castes, races or tribes, or parts of, or groups within, castes races or tribes specified in the Schedule to this Order Shall, for the purposes of the Constitution, be deemed to be Scheduled Castes in relation to the Union territory of Pondicherry so far as regards members thereof resident in that Union territory:

Provided that no person, who professes a religion different from the Hindu ²[, the Sikh or the Buddhist] religion, shall be deemed to be a member of a Scheduled Caste.

THE SCHEDULE

1.	Adi Andhra	9.	Pallan
2.	Adi Dravida	10.	Parayan, Sambavar
3.	Chakkiliyan	11.	Samban
4.	Jambuvulu	12.	Thoti
5.	Kuravan	13.	Valluvan
6.	Madiga	14.	Vetan
7.	Mala, Mala Masti	15.	Vettiyan
8.	Paky	³ [16	6. Puthirai Vannan]

^{1.} Vide G.S.R. 419, dated 5th March, 1964, published in the Gazette of India, Pt. II, Sec. 3 (i), dated 5th March, 1964.

^{2.} Subs. by Act 15 of 1990, Sec. 7, for "or the Sikh" (w.e.f. 3.6.1990)

^{3.} Subs. by Act 61 of 2002, sec. 2 and Sch. V (w.e.f. 17.12.2002)

THE CONSTITUTION (SIKKIM) SCHEDULED CASTES ORDER, 1978¹

(C.O. 110)

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause(1) of article 341 of the Constitution of India, as amended by the Constitution (First Amendment) Act, 1951, the President is pleased to make the following Order, namely:-

- 1. This Order may be called the Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Castes Order, 1978.
- 2. This castes, races or tribes, or parts of, or groups within, castes races or tribes specified in the Schedule to this Order, Shall, for the purposes of the Constitution, be deemed to be Scheduled Castes in relation to the State of Sikkim so far as regards members thereof resident in that State:

Provided that no person, who professes a religion different from the Hindu ²[, the Sikh or the Buddhist] religion, shall be deemed to be a member of a Scheduled Caste.

THE SCHEDULE

1. Damai (Nepali)

- 3. Majhi (Nepali)
- Kami (Nepali), Lohar (Nepali)
- 4. Sarki (Nepali)

^{1.} Vide G.S.R. 334 (E), dated 22nd March, 1964, published in the Gazette of India, Extra., Pt. II, Sec. 3 (i), dated 22nd June, 19678.

^{2.} Subs. by Act 15 of 1990, Sec. 7, for "or the Sikh" (w.e.f. 3.6.1990).

APPENDIX- VII.

STATEMENT OF RECOMMENDATIONS/OBSERVATIONS

SI. No	. Para No.	Recommendations/Observations
1	2	3
1	2.31	The Committee note that "The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill, 2006" relates to the amendment in the Scheduled Castes lists of 7 States covering 17 communities. The changes proposed are inclusion of 12 communities as synonymous communities; imposition of area restriction for 1 community, 1 for modification and inclusion of 3 new communities in the Scheduled Castes list. The Committee further note that as per the modalities revised on 25, June, 2002 for deciding claim for inclusion in, exclusion from and other modifications in the orders specifying Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes list, all 17 proposals for modification in the Scheduled Castes List have been duly processed by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in consultation with the concerned State Government, the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes. The Committee approve the amendments in the Bill in its entirety.
2.	2.32	The Committee note with concern that though the test applied for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Castes, as stated by the Ministry, is "extreme social, educational and economic

social. backwardness arising out of traditional practice untouchability, yet the Government have not benchmarked the figure describing extreme social, educational and economic backwardness and have further stated that factors like literacy rate and per capita income are to be taken as indicators only and not benchmarks. Though the Committee agree with the view of the Ministry that the main criteria for inclusion of a community in the Scheduled Castes list is sociological, anthropological and ethnographic, which relates to the term untouchability yet the Committee are of the view that in the present era of information revolution, the Government should have with them the data highlighting per capita income as well as literacy rate for all communities included in the Scheduled Caste list, as well as of those communities which it plans to include in the Scheduled Castes list. The Committee, therefore, strongly recommend that the Ministry not only make available with it the data highlighting literacy rate and per capita income but also fix a benchmark for deciding extreme social, educational and economic backwardness. By doing so, the Committee are of the firm opinion that the Government would be better able to gauge and monitor the social emancipation. educational empowerment and economic development of all Scheduled Caste communities.

3 2.33

The Committee note with concern that the Government have not given a serious thought to the ever burgeoning issue of Scheduled Caste migrants and are unhappy with the present situation, which stipulates that a person belonging to Scheduled Caste community can avail the benefits of being a Scheduled Caste only in the State of his origin and not in the State where he migrated to, even though he might have stayed permanently at his migrated State for decades. The Ministry have stated that this restriction stems from Article 341 (i) of the constitution, which states that a community is State/Union Territory specific. The only benefit that a migrant SC can avail is that on production of the caste certificate of his parents, he or she can obtain a caste certificate from the State where they migrated to, but cannot avail any benefits of being a Scheduled Caste in terms of education, employment or any other purpose. Committee take note the view of the Ministry that these are the provisions of the Constitution which are the restricting factor, yet they are of the firm opinion that keeping in view the prevalent ground situation, wherein mass migration of population takes place from one state to another due to economic factors, a change in this policy is paramount. The Committee therefore desire that the Government should consider the feasibility of according benefits to SC migrants in the State where they have migrated to.

4 2.34

The Committee are constrained to note that at the time of "The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) (Amendment) Bill, 2006, processing of only 17 proposals had been completed as per approved modalities and 53 proposals for modification in the list of Scheduled Castes were pending with the office of the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes. Some of these proposals are pending with the Registrar General of India from the year 1999, 2000 and so on and with the National Commission for Scheduled Castes from the year 2003, 2005 and 2006. The Committee feel that a substantial amount of time would elapse before the Registrar General of India and National Commission for Scheduled Castes clear all their pending proposals thus enabling the Ministry to draft another Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order (Amendment) Bill. The Registrar General of India and National Commission for Scheduled Castes have cited the reasons for delay being due to an in-depth study required in deciding whether a community qualifies to be included in the Scheduled Castes list. The Committee are not at all satisfied at this inordinate delay on the part of the

Registrar General of India as well as National Commission for Scheduled Castes in clearing these proposals and express their deep anguish at this sordid state of affairs. The Committee, therefore, strongly recommend that both the Registrar General of India and the National Commission for Scheduled Castes get their act together and clear the proposals pending with them expeditiously. The Committee further desire that the Government lay down a time frame for the RGI and NCSC to give their comments on cases referred to them for modification in the list of Scheduled Castes by the Ministry so as to overcome this unduly long delay in clearing proposals.