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[Despatch Abstract.]

MADRAS EDUCATIONAL RULES - List of backward classes - Inclusion of Bovis Community -

Ordered.

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Ms	2482	E & P. H	3.8.49.				
Ms	3400	Pub (Sen)	7.10.49.				

To

The Hon. the Minister,
SECRETARY, EDN. AND P.H. DEPT.
20 MAY 1946
GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS

39205 Hon'ble Sir,
25/6/59.

Sub:- Bovis - Fishermen - inclusion in the
list of Backward Classes - requested.

The Bovi Fishermen in South Kanara living in Mangalore, Kasaragod and Puttur Taluks are the Malayalam speaking Mogeyar fishermen, are known to be very backward in education and in affluence. They number about 8000 in all in the whole District.

2. That the Fishermen in the Madras Presidency as a whole are most backward in education and poorly represented in Government Service, is a well known fact recognised by all including the Government. These Hindu fishermen go by different names in different places. Almost all of them have been included in the list of Backward Classes. It is not known how the Bovis alone were excluded from the list.

3 Bovis were included in the list of Backward Classes before 1941. In the Census Report of 1941, Bovis were not separately classed. Apparently therefore, they were also excluded from the list ²Backward Classes by the Educational Authorities.

4 This Community living in the Hosdrug Sub-Taluk, were known as the "Mogeyans" and this term was being used in all Government Records and the rest were known as "Bovis". But socially all the people belonging to this Community are known as 'Moyans'. 'Moyan' is a corrupted form of Mogeyan. When the Association was formed in 1932, it was called the "Mala-

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yali Bovi Mahajana Sangha" and this Association was registered as such in the year 1938.

5 There are very few educated men in this Community of Bovis and consequently this Community is also very poorly represented in Government Service and there is hardly any employed from the southern part of the District.

6 In the light of the above facts, it is clear that the omission of the 'Bovis' from the list of Backward Classes is a mistake caused by the omission of the said name in the Census List of 1941. But by this omission, this Community is deprived for a long time of the privileges of the Backward Classes, which it richly deserves.

7 The Association expresses its deep regret and asserts that when all the other different sections of the Fishermen Community in this District have been included in the list of Backward Classes, it is quite unfair and unjustifiable, to have this Community alone excluded from the list and the privileges denied to them.

8 It is gratifying to note that the present National Government is endeavouring to uplift the condition of the Fishermen Community in general and have been sanctioning large amounts for the improvement in Fishing Industry and ameliorate their condition. Hence, it would have been most proper to include "Fishermen" in the list of Backward Classes instead of enumerating the different sects of the Fishermen Community, especially in view of the fact that it is the intention of the popular Government to eliminate, in future, the names of different sects or castes of 'Hindus' for purposes of education and Government Service.

If, for any reason, the Government are not inclined to treat all "Fishermen" as members of Backward

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Classes, this Association prays most respectfully that the Hon'ble Minister may be pleased to include the name of the 'Bovi' Community in the list of Backward Classes at the earliest. In this connection, this Association has authorised its President and three others to wait on deputation and explain more vividly to the Minister and therefore prays that an interview may kindly be given to them on behalf of this Association.

For which act of justice and kindness, this Association shall ever remain grateful.

We remain,
Hon'ble Sir,
Yours faithfully,

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President of
the S.K. Bovi Mahajana Sangha.

ETP H. Dep. l.
c. l. required for this case
certain papers have
been called for from
M.R. V. Chittor. This
may be over till 30.5.49
26/5/49
26/5/49



H.M. (R.D.)

To



MINISTER FOR

The Hon'ble the Minister for Education,
Government of Madras,
Fort St. George,
Madras.

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Dee F.
Pule. (Barreis)

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President of
the S.K. Bovi Mahajana Sangha.



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Public (Ser) Department.

E & P. H. no.

(Inclusion in the list of Backward classes)

Pub (Ser A) no. 2102/49.1
3/6/49

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M.E.R. List of backward classes -
Inclusion of Bari Community - ordered.

from the South Kanara Malayali
Bari Mahajana Sangha dated 8/10-5-49

order/ms no 2139 Edn 4.7.49

The following notification
will be published in the Fort-
St. George Gazette

Notification

Madras Educational Rules -

Amendment

In group II "Castes other than
Hajangs" in Appendix 17A to
the Madras Educational Rules

1. P. 1015 on. 0.3 (Nov) 1949
P. 1015

for item 93, the following shall
be substituted.

" 93. Mukkuvan or Mukayan
alias Mogayan (including
Bovis)

15/6/49

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17/6/49

To
The D.P.I.
The Director of
Harian Welfare
The Supdt. Govt.
Press for public
The Pub. (Edu.) Dept.
The Pub. (Ser.) Dept.

The President
South Kanara
Malayali Bovi
Mahajana Sangha
Mangalore
5-8 p.m. 1949

Handed over
in office
by 4 p.m.

Representation from the South Kanara Malayali Bovi
Mahajana Sangha, Kotekar, (South Kanara) dated 10-5-49

SECRETARY, E & P.H.

The Bovis may be included in the list of backward
classes.

A.B.S(hetty)
20-5-49
H.M. (Edn.)

Please see the representation from the 'Bovis'
of South Kanara at pp.1-3 c.f. and the minutes of H.M. (Edn.)
thereon. The following extracts from Thurstan's "Castes and
Tribes of Southern India" may be perused.

Bovis: The name of the palanquin bearing section of the
mogers of South Kanara. Some Besthas from Mysore who have
settled in this District are also called 'Bovi' which is a
form of 'Boyi' (bearer).

Mogeyars: " These fishermen (Mogers) are called Mogayer,
and are a caste of Tulava origin. They resemble the Mucas
(Mukkuvans) of Malayala, but the one caste will have no
communion with the other. The Mogayer are boatmen,
fishermen, porters and palanquin bearers.
Some Mogers have abandoned their hereditary profession of
fishing, and taken to agriculture, oil pressing and playing
on musical instruments, Some are still employed as
palanquin bearers. The oil pressers call themselves Ganigas,
the musicians, Sappaligas and the palanquin bearers Bovis".

The request of the Bovi Mahajana Sangha is that
they are the same as 'Mogeyars' and are very backward and
should be included in the list of backward classes. From
the extracts from 'Thurstan' reproduced above it would be
seen that the Bovis can be treated as identical with Mogers
and Besthas. 'Mogers' are included in the list of Harijans
appended to the M.E.R. and are therefore eligible for full
fee, concessions. But the list of Harijans follows the list
in the schedule to the white paper on the Indian Constitu-
tional reforms and it is doubtful whether we could add to
the list without consulting the Government of India. Names
of--

Names of Fishermen community like Bestha, Mukkuvan, Mukayan, Mogayan etc are included in the 'list of backward classes other than Harijans'. The communities included in the list of backward classes other than Harijans are eligible only for half fee concessions. There does not seem to be any objection including the 'Bovis' in the list of backward classes other than Harijans as they are ^{also} reported to be identical with 'Mogayars' which is included in the list. The remarks of the ^{Collector of S. Kanara} D.P.I. may however be invited in the first instance.

The President of the Bovi Mahajana Sanga states that the Bovis were included in the list of backward classes prior to 1941 and that the name was deleted subsequent to 1941. No ^{records} reasons are readily available in office to verify this fact. The D.P.I. may be consulted on this point, ^{also}.

Attention is invited to the last para of the petition in which the Bovi Mahajana Sanga desires to wait on a deputation on the H.M.(Edn.). It is for orders whether H.M.(Edn.) will grant the interview sought for.

Mr. 7/6/49
2/6/49

OM 8/6/49

A & B. above may be done in the first instance

H. N. (Edn.)

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If we have got the power, to include no reference is necessary. Include R



A draft order is submitted for approval. Pub and Fin may

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A para 3 p 4.

B (+ name not included in old copy of H.E.R. (1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939 etc)

p 34

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See before issue.

15/6/49

OM 17/6/49

Public Finance Pub. Dpt.

E & P H U O No 39205/49-1 C Edn 17-6-49

Notes at pp 1-2 ante the draft amendment below maybe passed. On receipt of a copy of the go together with relevant about photos consequential amendment to the if mbs will be issued in this dpt. Draft maybe passed on to Finance.

Should not Pub & Fin (also) see?

20/6/49

25/6/49

Subd. B.A.S.

Public (Edn.) need not see the case.

(Informally Consulted Pub (Edn.) also)

Pub (Ver. A) u.o. no 2294/49.1

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See in Fin

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Further action after



Fin no 42495 sube-1 28.6.49

The draft order may now issue

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OM 4/7/49

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