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[Despatch Abstract.]

Madras Educational Rules - List of backward
Classes. Inclusion of Nalavamsam
Community ordered.

The Naravasulu Caste and the Devadasi Act, 1947.

1. The ~~aim~~ aim of the Devadasi Act, 1947 is to discourage the professions associated with "Nagavasam" and is a highly desirable and essential Act for social welfare and Hindu society is grateful to the Government for the same. However, by including the entire "Nagavasulu" in the list of "Bogum" communities the bulk of them, who have been following respectable professions ~~xx~~ for centuries are disgraced to a greater extent than is warranted by their historical associations or their present position ~~in~~ in society. The social position which these people have achieved through centuries of hardship and poverty has been destroyed at one stroke.

2. The object of the Memorandum is not to enable the section of this people, following the bogus professions, to escape the provisions of the Act .

3. The main object of the memorandum is to request the Government to kindly go through the evidence produced and order the deletion of the "Nagavasula" and add an explanatory note thus: "This term includes the section of the Nagavasulu who follow the professions of singing, dancing etc." Such a change while securing the objects of the Act helps the bulk of the "Nagavasulu" to regain their social status as a community distinct from the "Bogum" communities.

4. The second object is to request the Government to permit the respectable section of the "Nagavasulu", who desire to call themselves "Nagavamsam" and have been agitating among themselves for the past few years, to do so.

5. The third object is to request the Government to recognise the backwardness of the Nagavasulu (Nagavamsam) people and include them in the list of backward communities.

The Nagavasulu (Nagavamsam) people will be eternally grateful to the Government for their sympathetic approach to the problems of the "Nagavasulu" and help rendered.

Sd. K.Neelakantan,
16-3-48.

Sd. K. Appalaswamy.

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Copy of Board of Revenue B.P. Routine No.1033, dated 22-2-1949

Community - Nagavasulu caste - Change of designation as
Nagavamsem - Remarks - Report - Submitted.

Ref: Govt. Endorsement No.4737/48-1, dated 29-6-1948.

RESOLUTION: The Board submits that no advantage will accrue by changing the term 'Nagavasulu' into 'Nagavamsam' in the Act as requested by the petitioner. It has been given only by way of illustration and the community has all along been known by the name 'Nagavasulu'. There is however no objection to the community calling itself 'Nagavamsam' and the Board accordingly

recommends the request of the petitioner in para. 4 of his petition.

2. As regards the third request of the petitioner, the Board submits that there is no objection to classify the community as backward and make them eligible for the concessions. In fact, the Ganka community answering to this one is already classed as backward and the Board recommends that item 28 in the list of backward communities may be changed to "Ganka including Nagavamsam".

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Sept 22/8
M. E. R. - List of backward classes - Inclusion of Nagavamsam Community - ordered.

Read again G.O. No. 2017 Pub (Edu)
dated 27-6-49

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

Notification
Madras Educational Rules.
Amendment

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

Please see the representation from the members of the 'Nagavasulu' community (at pp.1-12 c.f.)

Edn. & P.H. who are concerned with paragraph 5 of the Memo. would have taken separate action.

This Department are concerned with the request in para. 4 of the Memorandum (at p.1 c.f.). The members of the 'Nagavasulu' community state that there are two sections of their community, one which practises the profession of 'Devadasis' (this section of the community is popularly known as 'Nagavasamu') and the other which does not. The latter section is, it is represented, consist of respectable people most of whom are agriculturists. They state that the classification of both the sections as 'Nagavasulu' causes the misconception that all the members of the community practise the profession of 'Devadasi'. To put an end to this, the respectable section of the community desire to be classified as 'Nagavamsam' ~~community~~ to which community the main body of 'Nagavasulu' community traces its historic and traditional origin. It is also claimed that in the past the community did not practise the profession of 'Devadasi' but on the other hand were rulers of the land. The remarks of the Board of Revenue on the proposal are at pp.57-58 c.f. For orders whether a Press Communique may be issued, as usual, inviting the opinion of the members of the communities affected who are living in this Province. Subject to orders a Press Communique is submitted for approval.

Edn. & P.H. may see and take extracts of the remarks of the Board of Revenue in para. 2 of page 58 c.f.

J.I.A.1/3.

How can you in practice distinguish between the two sections? The proposal must be to change the name of the community (entire community) into "Nagavamsam" as far as official records are concerned. The Press Communique should merely state that it has been represented that the community consists mainly of persons who are agriculturists by profession, that only a minority had taken to the profession of Devadasi prior to the Act and that the name of the community should therefore be changed in a manner which would prevent any social slur being cast on any respectable member of the community. (This is what the Board has recommended - p.57 c.f.). Revise the draft of the Press Communique accordingly and put up.

S.V.
10/3/49.

A revised draft Press Communique is submitted for approval.

J.I.A.
13/3/49.

S.V.
14/3/49. E.& P.H.

E.& P.H. Dept.(C1).

The notes of Public (Elec.) Dept. from p.7 ante and the draft press communique may be perused. The file has been sent to this Dept. with reference to the request of the Nagavasulu community to include its name (Nagavamsam) as proposed in the list of backward classes. This Dept. may agree with the recommendation of the Board of Revenue to equate this

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Rules ~~for~~ item 29 the following shall be substituted.
'29 - Ganika including Nagavamsam'

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The D.P.1.
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community with 'Ganika' and change item 29 of the list of 'Backward Classes other than Harijans' appended to the M.E.R. to 'Ganika including Nagavamsam'. Public (Elec.) Dept. may be requested to send relevant extracts from this file to this Department for necessary action after a final decision has been arrived at in the matter of changing the name of 'Nagavasulu' into 'Nagavamsam'. That Dept. will no doubt circulate the file to H.M.(Edn.) also.

With these remarks the file may be returned to Pub.(Elec.).

M.V.S.
28-3-49.

Public (Elec.) Dept.

The notes (from p.7 ante) may be read. The E.& P.H. have asked for the circulation of this file to H.M.(Edn.) also. The file may be circulated for orders as to the issue of the draft press communicate put up below.

J.I.A.
30/3/49.

The draft Press Communicate ~~may~~ put up below may be approved.

S.V.
31/3.

H.Pr. P.S.K.R.
18/4.

H.M.(Edn): A.B.S. 21/4.

H.M.(P.W.) M.B. 21/4.

Issue
S.V.
22-4-49.

May be sent to D.I.P. for issue.

J.I.A.
22/4.

P.W.D.(I & P.)

The Press Communicate has been issued. The file may be returned to Public.

K.D.
27/4.

Public (Elections) Dept.

The Press Communicate has been issued by P.W.(I & P) and the file returned to this Dept. The views of the communities affected may be awaited till 26-5-1949.

J.I.A. 28/4.

With reference to the Press Communicate at p.59 c.f. no representation has so far been received. It should therefore be assumed that there is no objection to the proposed change of the name of the community known as "Nagavasulu" into "Nagavamsam". The proposal may perhaps be accepted. Subject to orders a draft order and draft Press Communicate are submitted for approval. Firka Dev. E. & P.H. and Pub.(Ser) may see before circulation.

S.V. 31/5

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Abstract

CENSUS - Classification of castes - "Nagavasulu" - Designation as "Nagavamsam" - Orders passed.

Public (Elections) Department.
G.O.Ms.No.2017, dated 27th June 1949.

Read: From Sri K. Neelakantan and Sri K. Appalaswami
Circular dated the 16th March 1948.

ORDER:-

It has been represented to the Government that the Nagavasulu community consists mainly of persons who are agriculturists by profession, that only a minority had been connected with the profession of Devadasi even prior to the coming into force of the Madras Devadasis (Prevention of Dedication) Act, 1947 (Madras Act No. XXXI of 1947) and that the name of the community should therefore be changed in a manner, which would prevent any social slur being cast on any respectable member of the community. It has been suggested that the name of the entire community be changed into "NAGAVAMSAM" and designated as such in all official records. The opinion of the members of the communities affected by the proposal was invited by means of a Press Communicate. As no objection to this proposal has been received, His Excellency the Governor directs that the community known as "Nagavasulu" should in future be designated as "Nagavamsam" in all public records.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

S. Venkateswaran,
ADDITIONAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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G. V. S. Solomon
SUPERINTENDENT.

Firka Dev. Dept.

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Please see this Dept's notes on 2-5 ante. Since writing those notes, this Dept. have considered the question of deletion of all references to the various communities in the Madras Devadasis (Prevention of Dedication) Act, 1947 and this question is before the Cabinet. This does not, however, affect the draft which may be perused and the file returned to Pub.(Elec.).

M.S.J.
6/6/69.

The drafts have not been seen by E. & P.H. and Pub.(Ser). May be sent to those Depts.

J.I.A.
10/6.

E. & P.H. Dept.

Please see previous notes of this Dept. at page 9 ante. The draft order and the draft press communique below may be perused and the case passed on to Pub.(Ser.).

B.M.
15/6.

Pub.(Ser.) Dept.

The two drafts below may be perused and the file returned to Pub.(Elec.) who may submit the case to C.S.

K.V.R.
21/6/49.

Pub.(Elec.) Dept.

The notes from XX on p.11 ante may be read. The file may be circulated for orders whether the drafts will be approved.

May be approved.

S.V.
23/6.

K.R.M.
23-6-49

H.Pr: P.S.K.R.
25/6.

H.M.(P.W.)M.B.
25/6.

Issue
S.V.
27/6.

/True Extract/

G. Victor Solomon
Superintendent.

To
Edn. & P.H. Dept.
Public (Services) Dept.

It has been represented to the Government that the Nagavasi community consists mainly of persons who are engaged in the profession of dancing and that only a minority has been converted with the profession of Devadasi even prior to the coming into force of the Madras Devadasis (Prevention of Dedication) Act, 1947 (Madras Act No. XXII of 1947) and that the name of the community should therefore be changed in a manner which would prevent any social stigma being cast on any respectable member of the community. It has been suggested that the name of the entire community be changed into "NAGAVASIM" and designated as such in all official records. The opinion of the members of the community affected by the proposal was invited by means of a Press Communique. As no objection to this proposal has been received, His Excellency the Governor directs that the community known as "Nagavasi" should in future be designated as "Nagavasi" in all public records.

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

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May agree to treat
the 'Nagavaram' community
as backward for purposes
of educational concessions

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