

Regarding Need to include Veerashaiva Lingayat/Linga Baliya community in the list of Other Backward Classes (OBC) - Laid

SHRI B. K. PARTHASARATHI (HINDUPUR): I wish to draw the attention of the Government to a matter of great concern affecting the Veerashaiva Lingayat / Linga Baliya community. This community is currently recognized under the Backward Class "Group D" at Serial No. 46 by the Government of Andhra Pradesh, as per G.O. Ms. No. 22 BC Welfare (C2) Department dated 28-02-2009. Despite this recognition at the state level, the community remains excluded from the Central OBC list. As a result, they are deprived of the 27% reservation benefits under Central Government schemes for Other Backward Classes. This exclusion has caused serious disadvantage in accessing central government jobs, educational opportunities, and welfare schemes. On behalf of the community, I urge the Hon? ble Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment to direct the National Commission for Backward Classes to examine and recommend the inclusion of the Veerashaiva Lingayat / Linga Baliya community in the Central OBC list. Such a step would be a matter of justice and equality, aligning with existing state-level recognition and ensuring rightful access to opportunities. I request urgent consideration and action in this regard.