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**To**  
**The Hon'ble Minister for Social Justice,**  
**Government of India**  
**New Delhi.**

**Respected Sir,**

Sub: Inclusion of "**Poosala Community of Telangana**" in De-notified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNT) at National Level and extend the benefits of Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNT's(SEED) – Request – Regarding.

Ref:-

1. Backward Classes Welfare (OP) Department Memo No.2974/BCW / OP/ 2015, dt. 20-11-2015.
2. Backward Welfare Department Lr. No.1906/C/2018, dt. 21-12-2019 addressed to the Under Secretary to Govt. Ministry of Social Justice, Government of India.
3. DNT Commission Lr. No.DWBDNC/7/18/2019 addressed to Justice (Smt) G. Rohini garu, dt. 29-11-2019

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Kind attention is invited to the subject and references cited. It is to submit that, through reference 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, Government of Telangana has forwarded the list of DNT / NT / SNT Communities recognized and qualified in Telangana to seek the financial assistance from Centrally Sponsored Schemes from Ministry of Social Justice, Government of India, in which Poosala Community is shown at Sl. No.33 and 52 respectively (copies enclosed).

At this juncture it is to submit that the DNT Commission while finalizing its final report it was adopted Samagra Kutumba Survey (SKS) data of 2014, which has no Legal sanctity in the State by ignoring the correspondence of BC Welfare Department of Government of Telangana vide references 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, which is a grave injustice to this ignored / forgotten Poosala Community in the State of Telangana.

Through the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited, the Chairman, Development Welfare Board (DWB) of DNT, Sri Bhiku Ramji Idate addressed a letter to Justice (Smt.) G. Rohini garu for inclusion of "Poosala Community" of Telangana in Nomadic Tribe in DNT Report at National Level as he has verified the facts after visiting Telangana.

On behalf of "Poosala Community" of Telangana, (One of the nomadic tribes), it is to submit that hardly there is less than 5 lakh population in the State of Telangana. They are among the worst victims of neglect and oppression and living in sub human conditions. Added to this, almost all of them have no settled place of living and go about pursuing traditional occupation by carrying the wares on their heads in sale of Beads, Needles, Hairpins, Bangles, Combs, Wigs, Toys etc. by Women-folk and attend the repairs of Locks and Umbrellas by men-folk in the Poosala Community. They have low place in the Caste and Social hierarchy and worst than SC and ST brethren. Their problems are entirely different from other communities and move from place to place in search of livelihoods. They also derive livelihood based on medicinal herbs etc. by dwelling in temporary shelters or tents on vacant lands. As such, they have no access to welfare programmes implemented by the Governments and also even un-aware of sending their children to schools, obtaining Ration Cards, Voter Cards, Credit access with the Banks, Health Services, Housing, Caste and Income Certificates, Political Empowerment etc.

In the name of change of occupation, the Poosala's are encountering dehumanisation. The people concerned have no stakes in the decision-making process of the state. They are not a part of the Gram Panchayats as they are severely discriminated against, and mostly inhabit the outskirts of villages. Among the extremely patriarchal communities there is **hardly any protection for women. Living utterly undignified lives in destitute conditions**, they are subject to mal-treatment and abuse by all the family, the community and the society at large.

Having no shelter or support, they fall victim to every kind of social harassment and torture and hence A.P Tribes Enquiry Committee, headed by Late Sri Vennelkanti Ragavaiah in 1961-62, Anantharaman Commission in 1968-69, and Muralidhara Rao commission have categorically reported that "Poosala community" to be included in **Nomadic Tribes** in view of their primitive habits, steeped ignorance, (and) practising the traditional occupations with half starving etc. The recommendations of the various Committees are as follows:

### **1. A.P. Tribes Enquiry Committee – 1961-62, by Sri Vennela Kanti Ragavaiah**

The Committee recommended and classified the Nomadic Tribes (3) categories. (1) those who live in forest area, (2) those who are living as Nomadas and (3) those who persue primitive traditions, customs and habits settled in plain areas included in this list of Scheduled Tribes. **Poosala's** were classified under Nomadic Tribe at Sl.No.12.

## **2. Nomadas – Bharatiya Adimajati Sevak Sangh – V.Ragavaiah**

They sell pusalu (beads). They sing the stories of “Chinna Laxmamma”, “Desammaraju” “Bobbili” “Kambhojaraju” “Kumara Ramudu” etc., with Thambura (a musical instrument) and Dhakki (percussion). This wondering tribe which is small in number is found in almost all the districts in Andhra Pradesh. (copy enclosed)

## **3. Backward Classes Commission – 1968-69 by Sri Anantharaman**

This community is found in all the districts in the State. The traditional occupation is sale of beads, wigs, combs, mirrors, needles, hair pins etc., woman go from place to place carrying their wares on their heads to sell them. They are economically very poor. As they move from place to place, they are included in the list of **Nomadic Tribes**. The student population of this community in X and XI classes in the year 1968-69 is low. Educationally they are very backward. They are primitive in their habits and steeped in ignorance. On account of their poverty, educational backwardness and inferior occupation this community is treated very low in Society. In view of their low social status and educational backwardness, the Commission considers that this community is socially and educationally backward. (copy enclosed)

## **4. Recognition of some of castes of BC Category as DNT/NT/SNT in Telangana State**

Vide reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the Government of Telangna have forwarded the identified list of castes of BC Category for recognition as DNT/NT/SNT to Government of India. Out of (36) total castes forwarded, the Poosala Caste is one of them shown at at Sl.No. 33.

This Poosala Community is found in all the Districts in the State of Telangana representing very minimal population. The traditional occupation of Poosala Community is sale of Beads, Wigs, Combs, Mirrors, Needles, Hair Pins etc. Women go from place to place carrying their wares on their heads to sell them. They are economically very poor. As they move from place to place, they are included in the list of Nomadic Tribes. The student population of this community in X and XI classes in the year 1968-69 is very low. Educationally they are totally backward. They are primitive in their habits and steeped in ignorance. On account of their Poverty, Educational backwardness, inferior occupation etc., this community is treated very low in the Society. In view of their low Social Status and Educational Backwardness, the Commission Sri Anantharaman Commission considers that this Community is Socially and Educationally backward.

## **5. Seeking financial assistance under centrally sponsored Schemes – list of DNTs notified by the State of Telangana**

Vide reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, the Secretary to Government, Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of Telangana have forwarded the list of DNTs notified by the Department for seeking financial assistance under the Centrally sponsored Schemes in which "POOSALA COMMUNITY" at Sl. No.52 (copy enclosed)

On behalf of Poosala Community, we sincerely request the Hon'bel Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, and Chairman, Development and Welfare Board DNT Communities, Ministry of Social Justice, Govt of India, to kindly examine to consider for inclusion of "Poosala" community of Telangana in Nomadic Tribes and extend the benefits of "Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED)"

Thanking you Sir,

Yours sincerely,

Copy submitted to:

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2. The Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi – 110 001