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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Backward Classes Welfare Department

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NOTIFICATION

No. 1056-BCW/MR-33/2025 (Pt. I) dated the 27th May, 2025.— WHEREAS “backward classes” have been defined in clause (a) of section 2 of the West Bengal Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993 (West Ben. Act I of 1993) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), for the purposes of the said Act, to mean such backward classes of citizens other than the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes as may be specified by the State Government in the lists;

AND WHEREAS “lists” have been defined in clause (c) of section 2 of the said Act to mean lists prepared by the Government of West Bengal from time to time for purposes of making provisions for the reservation of appointments or posts in favour of backward classes of citizens which, in the opinion of that Government, are not adequately represented in the services under the Government of West Bengal, and any local and statutory authority within the territory of West Bengal or under the control of the Government of West Bengal;

AND WHEREAS the West Bengal Commission for Backward Classes (“Commission”) was set up under section 3 of the said Act for identification of the Other Backward Classes of this State;

AND WHEREAS in terms of section 9 of the said Act, the Commission considers inclusion, over-inclusion or under-inclusion of any Other Backward Class and tenders such advice to the State Government as it deems appropriate and such advice of the Commission being ordinarily binding upon the State Government;

AND WHEREAS on recommendation of the Commission and in the public interest, the Government of West Bengal has published a Notification vide No. 917-BCW/MR-33/2025 dated the 8th May, 2025 sub-categorising the backward classes in the State List of Other Backward Classes into two sub-categories being ‘Category-A’ and ‘Category-B’ wherein Category-A classes would mean ‘More Backward’ and Category-B classes would mean ‘Backward’ within the ‘backward classes’;

AND WHEREAS the Commission had decided to conduct a Benchmark Survey through the Bureau of Applied Economics and Statistics and Cultural Research Institute covering the existing 66 classes enlisted in the State List of Other Backward Classes prior to 2010 to determine their degree of backwardness;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the receipt of the report of the survey on the said 66 classes, the Commission has, based on detail surveys, and a comprehensive consideration of all relevant material and data, formed a reasoned opinion and recommended to the State Government to sub-categorise 64 classes out of the said 66 classes into Category-A and Category-B depending on their relative backwardness;

Now, THEREFORE, in consideration of the recommendation of the Commission and in the public interest and in pursuance of the provisions of clause (c) of section 2, sub-section (1) of section 9 and sub-section (1) of section 11 of the said Act and in continuation of Notification No. 917-BCW/MR-33/2025 dated the 8th May, 2025, the Governor is pleased hereby to sub-categorise 64 classes out of the 66 classes in the lists of backward classes notified for the purpose of the said Act prior to the year 2010 into two categories as 'Category-A' and 'Category-B', wherein the **Category-A** would mean the '**More Backward**' and the **Category-B** would mean the "**Backward**" within the 'backward classes' in the following manner:-

LIST

Sl.	MORE BACKWARD (Category-A)	Sl.	BACKWARD (Category-B)
1.	Kumbhakar	1.	Kapali
2.	Napit	2.	Baishya Kapali
3.	Yogi, Nath	3.	Kurmi
4.	Goala, Gope (Pallav Gope, Ballav Gope, Yadav Gope, Gope, Ahir and Yadav)	4.	Sutradhar
5.	Satchasi	5.	Karmakar
6.	Jolah (Ansari-Momin)	6.	Swarnakar
7.	Tanti, Tantubaya	7.	Teli, Kolu
8.	Dhanuk	8.	Moirā (Halwai), Modak (Halwai)
9.	Keori / Koiri	9.	Barujibi
10.	Nagar	10.	Malakar
11.	Kahar	11.	Kansari
12.	Nashya-Sekh	12.	Shankakar
13.	Khen (Non-Bania category)	13.	Raju
14.	Patidar	14.	Sarak
		15.	Tamboli / Tamali
		16.	Roniwar / Rauniyar
		17.	Scheduled Castes converts to Christianity and their progeny
		18.	Fakir, Sain
		19.	Betkar (Bentkar)
		20.	Chitrakar
		21.	Bhujel
		22.	Newar
		23.	Mangar
		24.	Sampang
		25.	Thami
		26.	Jogi
		27.	Dhimal
		28.	Khandait
		29.	Gangot

Sl.	BACKWARD (Category-B)
30.	Dhunia
31.	Hele / Halia / Chasi-Kaibartta, Das Kaibartta
32.	Sukli
33.	Sunuwar
34.	Dewan
35.	Rai (including Chamling)
36.	Rayeen (Kunjra)
37.	Shershabadia
38.	Hajjam (Muslim)
39.	Chowduli (Muslim)
40.	Hawari, Dhobi (other than those included in the list of Scheduled Castes)
41.	Pahadia Muslim
42.	Karani
43.	Bungchheng
44.	Kosta / Kostha
45.	Turha
46.	Bhar
47.	Kasai
48.	Bansi Barman
49.	Nembang
50.	Lakhera / Laahera

By order of the Governor,

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