

**Report on the Discussions with BC MPs, MLAs &
MLCs in the Committee Room of Telangana
Assembly on 3rd,4th & 5th December, 2017.**

Hon'ble Chief Minister held a meeting with the MPs, MLAs & MLCs belonging to BC Community on 3rd December, 2017 at the committee room of the Telangana Assembly.

List of Members who attended the meeting is attached.

In the meeting, after wide range of discussions, Hon'ble CM requested the members present to have in-depth discussion on the issues related to Backward Classes in the State and give their recommendations for the consideration of the Government.

Accordingly, discussions on issues related to development of Backward Classes in the state were done in the presence of Hon'ble Speaker; Hon'ble Chairman, Legislative council; Deputy Chairman, Legislative council; Minister of Finance; Minister for Backward Classes Welfare; Minister for Animal Husbandry and Minister for Excise on 4th and 5th December, 2017.

In the discussions, all members thanked Hon'ble Chief Minister for the opportunity given to them to prepare a road map for the development of BCs after intensive discussions.

All the members unanimously recommended that

- 1. a detailed survey of BCs in the state to be conducted under the aegis of Telangana State Commission for BCs to get the actual population data of BCs in the state;**
- 2. a “Mahatma Jyothiba Phule BC Bhawan” to be constructed in a sprawling campus of 100 acres in Hyderabad, which will have various facilities like traditional Arts and Crafts Research and Training centre, meeting halls, library, Skill Development Centres, BC Study Circle, offices for various BC Caste Associations etc;**
- 3. increase the reservation quota for BCs, as per their population, in education and employment**

4. **increase reservation quota from 34 % to 50% in all political posts- elected, selected and nominated- for BC A to D groups after detailed study about the present level of their political empowerment.**
5. **BC economic subplan development plan need to be introduced online with SC, ST subplan and more specifically covering the specific economic support schemes**
6. **Occupation related federations needs to be revived, strengthened and transformed into co operative system**
7. **BC employees issues to be addressed**

The gist of the other issues discussed is indicated below, sector wise:

1. Education Sector

Education being the most fundamental enabler for development, the highest priority is to be given for imparting quality education to all BC students of the 5 to 14 years age group. There was unanimity among members to move over to Residential system of schools in a phased manner and converting the existing hostels to either Residential schools or Post Matric students' hostels, wherever possible. All members recommended to give special attention to the children of Sanchara Jathulu, starting separate schools for them, if necessary, to improve their education status. Rationalization of existing schools, teachers and students in a mandal is to be done, so that resources are optimally utilised and sufficient number of teachers are available at the schools. Government/ZP Schools may be clubbed/ merged, relocated or even converted to semi-residential schools, if necessary.

A. Residential Schools

1. Establishment of additional 119 Residential Schools (63 for Boys and 56 for Girls) @ 1 per assembly constituency from the academic year 2018-19.
 - i. All facilities on par with other SC, ST and Minority Residential Schools to be provided.
 - ii. Water facility, sufficient Bath Rooms and Toilets to be ensured in private buildings rented for schools.

- iii. More publicity to be given for BC Residential Schools
2. Special provision to be made for admission of students from Sanchara Jathulu and other less-represented BC communities.
3. Purchase of building belonging to defunct private engineering colleges for the Residential Schools.
4. Construction of Residential School buildings in a phased manner.
5. Instead of the present practice of out sourcing of services like security and sanitation etc to agencies, it is suggested that either recruitment of staff or outsourcing of staff for these services in these residential schools is to be done.
6. Regularisation of CRTs in BC Residential Schools.
7. Recruitment of staff at regional level for better monitoring and supervision.

WB. Residential Jr. Colleges

1. Intermediate colleges @ two in each District - one for Girls and One for Boys. (All residential schools are getting upgraded to Jr colleges. But the new Residential Schools started in 2016-17 have classes from 5th to 8th and it would take 3 more years for it to become Junior colleges. ie 13 more Jr colleges, as 19 Jr Colleges are existing now).
2. Mid day meals may be provided to the Jr College students.
2. EAMCET coaching may be extended to all Residential Jr Colleges and establishment of College of Excellence to give special focus on bright students.

C. Residential Degree Colleges

1. 60 Residential Degree Colleges (30 for women and 30 for men) from 2018-19academic year

D. Hostels

1. Rationalization of existing Pre-Matric hostels – All hostels should be mapped to the nearby schools. Where there is less number of students, those hostels may be grouped together or converted to Post-Matric

hostels to use the services of the staff posted and the facilities created there.

2. To strengthen the Government schools which have good infrastructure but less number of students, integrated hostels may be started in these schools.

3. Conversion and shifting of Pre-Matric hostels into Post-Matric where there is demand (in a phased manner).

4. Construction of college hostel buildings in a phased manner.

5. Sanction of additional Staff to Pre and Post Matric Hostels as per the strength of students.

6. Recruitment of Grade-I HWOs under Direct Recruitment instead of Grade-II HWOs and up gradation of all existing Grade-II HWOs into Grade-I.

E. Study Circle

1. Specialised Study Circle for Civil Services and Group-I at Hyderabad

2. 21 new Study Circles (in addition to the existing 10 study circles) @ one in each District to help students in all other exams

3. Sponsoring of selected BC Candidates to private study centres in New Delhi etc for intensive coaching for Civil Services exams etc.

4. Setting up a Skill Development Training Centre at Hyderabad.

5. Job oriented training classes through Ramananda Teertha Institute.

F. Tuition Fee Reimbursement

1. Full RTF to BC Students on par with SC, ST and Minorities students.

2. RTF to IIT, NIT, NEET, IIM and other prestigious institutes approved by GOI to be given on par with SC and STs.

3. Overseas scholarship guidelines may be liberalised.

4. Overseas scholarship to be implemented on a saturation mode.

G. Others

1. Distribution of Cycles to school going Students to strengthen the ZP / government schools and government colleges.
2. **Introduction of Best Available Schools Scheme on par with SC / ST.**
3. **Reservation in private schools as per Right to Education Act.**
4. Reservations for BC students in private and Deemed Universities.
5. Increase of reservations for BCs in other residential education societies, so that there will be inter mixing of students belonging to various communities in the residential schools run by state government societies. **In all residential schools upto 33% to other communities**
6. Introduction of vocational training in schools for BC Students.
7. Provision to upgrade the traditional skills of BC Community Students in ITIs and polytechnic colleges in the State.
8. Regular contact of medical camps in schools for monitoring and improving the health of students.
9. Adequate recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff in the **Bc educational systems** .
10. PETs to be appointed in all schools for improving the physical health of students.
11. **Change of name of “Mahatma Jyothiba Phule Telangana BC Welfare Residential Schools” to BC Residential Schools.**
12. **Exemption of SSC exam fees for BC students.**

2. ECONOMIC SUPPORT SCHEMES SECTOR

A. Funding Pattern for BC and MBC Corporation:

1. Bank Loans

- i. Subsidy pattern 80% for less than Rs 1 lakh units, 70% for units between Rs 1 lakh and 2lakhs; 60% for units above Rs 2 lakhs, max of Rs 5 lakhs
- ii. Working capital subsidy
- iii. Subsidy for working tools
- iv. Entrepreneurial development

- v. Assistance for skill development
2. Beneficiary contribution, instead of bank loans, to be considered to avoid inconvenience.
3. **100% subsidy under Economic Support schemes on par with Minorities, if feasible.**
4. Budget allotment to BC Corporation from mandated BC Subplan and Action plan should be implemented every year.
5. Rs 500 Cr additional budget to non MBC communities under BC Corporation

B. Federations of Caste Based Co-operative Societies

- i. Caste (**occupation**) based co-operative societies should be strengthened from grass root level. All members of the societies should make yearly contributions to the societies to accumulate capital for the societies, over and above the assistance provided by the government. These societies should conduct regular savings and meetings and federated at the district and state level as per the Societies Act under which they have been registered.
- ii. Posts of Chairman and Directors to all Federations are to be filled up
- iii. Individual loans to all federation members and rate of subsidy to be enhanced on par with BC Corporation.
- iv. Bank Loans
 - a. Subsidy pattern 80% for less than Rs 1 lakh units, 70% for units between Rs 1 lakh and 2lakhs; 60% for units above Rs 2 lakhs, max of Rs 5 lakhs
 - b. Assistance to groups of 5 members
 - c. Working capital subsidy
 - d. Subsidy for working tools
 - e. Entrepreneurial development

- v. Setting up facilities for marketing of products by starting dedicated shops for BC artisans in district HQs and Hyderabad
- vi. Assistance for skill development
- vii. Federations should be continued and allotment of budget based on Population (shall be considered as employment) Supply of modern machines to all communities wherever required
- viii. Central Schemes to federations for getting insurance and other benefits
- ix. Conversion of Federations into Cooperative Banks
- x. Establishment of federations for Katika, Are Katika and Munnuru Kapu communities for whom there are no separate entities at present
- xi. Pensions to be given to all BCs who are employed in traditional occupations of BCs and are above the age of 50.
- xii. All these traditional occupations to be considered as unorganised workforce and welfare schemes as applied to the unorganised labour extended to them

C. Entrepreneurship Development for BCs

- i. Telangana State Backward Classes Industrial Chamber of Commerce Initiatives (TS-BICCI) on the lines of DICCI and provision for venture capital funds
- ii. Separate industrial policy for BC unemployed youth is required on par with SC and STs
- iii. Dedicated fund allocation for venture capital funding, subsidy and providing interest free loans for BC entrepreneurs.
- iv. Encourage BC Start-Ups: to transform BCs from Job seekers to self employed / Job providers/ entrepreneurs.
- v. Procurement policy to be modified to give preference to products of BC entrepreneurs in the government procurement of the items belonging to traditional occupations of BCs and products of BC entrepreneurs upto at least 25%

- vi. Encouragement of BC entrepreneurs as in the case of weavers
- vii. 25% reservation in civil and govt contracts contracts for BCs upto a limit of tender value (for example 6 - 10 crores)
- viii. Exemption of EMDs in Contracts (upto certain values) for BC contractors
- ix. Encourage woollen industry in Telangana State.
- x. Provision in stand-up India for BCs
- xi. Funding for education, economic support and industrial schemes, and federations to be linked to BC Sub plan budget.
- xii. Establishment of research institute for BC artisans.
- xiii. Arts and Crafts Academy to BC occupational communities
- xiv. Agency to promote and facilitate marketing of their products
- xv. Skill enhancement training programme and provide employment opportunities to occupational communities.
- xvi. Financial support for arts like print, video, Documentary and film making.

D. BC Endowment Policy

- i. Mysamma, Ellamma, Pochamma like temples which are patronised by BCs shall be built with Government assistance
- ii. Assistance to BCs who are employed as priests in temples mainly worshipped by BCs
- iii. Training should be given in systems of pujas to the unemployed and interested BC youth to take up Pujas in these temples as a priests and other religious activities
- iv. Nayeebrahmings should be given preference in KalyanaKattanam, Tonsuring contracts in temples.
- v. Reservation of seats for BCs – Naibrahmings etc- in temple boards

E. Skill Development: Special drive for

- a. up-gradation of traditional skills
 - i. Training for hair styling, pottery and bamboo products, jewellery designs, carpentry, construction etc
 - ii. Music colleges to develop music skills
 - iii. Fine arts colleges
- b. New skills
 - i. Management of Business
 - ii. IT, Accountancy
 - iii. Installation of CCTVs, mobile phone repair, Magic shows.
- c. Ramananda Theerta institute may be used for training for skill development.

F. Community Specific Schemes:

1. Members agreed to the schemes proposed under the Action Plan prepared for the Nayeebrahmin Federation, Washermen Federations and MBC Development Corporation.
2. For Toddy Tappers –
 - i. Toddy Tappers Workers welfare federation to be revived
 - ii. Toddy Tappers federation to be transferred back to Excise department
 - iii. Drip irrigation to be provided for Toddy plants.
 - iv. Marketing facilities to be provided for Neera drink.
 - v. Neera policy with permission to all societies and entrepreneurs from Gowda community to tap, bottle and market Neera and bottled toddy.
 - vi. Make palm Neera, a Telangana state speciality non alcoholic drink
 - vii. Training centre may be restored at Nandanavam in Yadadri District for Toddy and allied products

- viii. Asara pension holders should also be made eligible for assistance under accident insurance schemes.
 - ix. Removal of the toddy from excise Act and create new toddy policy /act.
 - x. Tree tax/ TCS, RTF rentals to be waived. Permanent licence should be given and automatic renewal sent by registered post
 - xi. 10 acres of land to be allotted to each TCs/TFTS in big villages and 5 acres of land in small villages TCS/TFTS to growing of excise trees and sanction of drip irrigation system in patta lands and society lands
 - xii. Girika tree and Eetha Chettu plantation to be encouraged for toddy production and to reduce adulteration
 - xiii. Toddy tappers societies to be revived in agency area for the benefit of toddy tappers living for decades in that areas
 - xiv. Exception to toddy shops to 500 meters restrictions imposed on IMFL shops as Supreme Court order is specific for IMFL only
 - xv. Research centre for hybridisation , new methods of climbing and by-products
 - xvi. Strict punishment for cutting down the trees like Tati, Etha etc and with charge of Rs 25,000 for each tree to be paid to federation
 - xvii. Reserve 25% of wine shops to toddy tappers societies at Government fixed rates ([all communities who are pursuing caste specific traditional occupations like fisherman, shepherds , washerman , barbers , viswakarma, etc are given the benefit](#))
 - xviii. Installation of Sarvai Papanna statue at Necklace road
 - xix. Allotment of 10 acres land and Rs 10 cr for the construction of Gouda [hostel](#) at Hyderabad
3. Poultry farm and dairy farm should be encouraged for Yadava community

4. Reservations in Contracts (upto certain values) for Vaddera and Sagara Uppara communities
5. Allotment of timber to BC Carpenters and supply of Bamboo to Medara on subsidised rates.
6. Preference in allotment of Double bed rooms to Sanchara jathula communities
7. For Munnuru Kapus
 - i. establishment of Munnuru Kapus Corporation to help Munnuru Kapus who depend on agriculture for their livelihood
 - ii. scheme for purchase of agricultural land, construction of grain godowns, cold storage facilities, subsidy up to 75% for farming sector like Tractors, etc
8. For Viswabrahmins
 - i. Working capital subsidy for goldsmiths and carpenters
 - ii. Preference in procurement of furniture for government departments from BC carpenters
9. Specialized schools for textile workers to be started.
10. Job Melas to be organized at regular intervals for BCs

3. FINANCE SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAMS FOR BCs

1. BC Sub plan to be introduced by an Act on par with SC and STs.
2. The BC sub plan money should be used exclusively for the economic development of BCs for funding BC Corporations, BC Federations and T- BICCI.

4. SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT:

1. Take urgent steps to improve self esteem of certain BC communities:
 - a. Name change for castes which having derogatory epithets.

- b. Only new names/ main community names in caste certificates
 - c. Intermixing in schools, places of stay etc
 - d. 2 BHK houses on priority for Sanchara Jathulu
2. Increased reservations for BCs as per percentage of population in education and employment
 3. Inclusion of 21 small communities in the BCs list for reservations
 4. Inclusion of 26 Communities in BC list which were deleted earlier
 5. Relook at the existing categorisation into Groups A to D
 6. Enhancement of stipend under administrative of justice and trainee lawyers.
 7. Pensions for all BCs for social security
 8. Allotment of land to Caste Associations and funds for construction of Bhavans.
 9. 100 Acres of Land for Construction of BC Bhavan at Hyderabad and 5 Acres land for BC Bhavans at District Head quarters.
 10. Scheme for purchase of 3 acres of Land to BCs on par with SCs
 11. Categorisation among BCs on par with other States like BC, MBC and EBCs/DNT based on their social status
 12. Budget to be provided to BC Commission for scientific study and identification of MBCs
 13. Enhancement of creamy layer income limit to Rs 15 lakhs
 14. Reservations in promotions may be implemented on par with SC and STs (repetition)
 15. Double bed room should be allotted to BCs based on population.
(There is no quota for BCs in the allotment of 2 BHK houses)
Reservations in private sector Universities and Institutions
 16. Installation of Statue of Jyothibha Phule in Assembly/ Hyderabad
 17. Installation of statues of prominent BC leaders in Necklace road

18. Enhancement of incentive to intercaste marriages among BCs to Rs 2.00 lakh, in addition to the Kalyan Lakshmi assistance given to the mother of the bride.
19. History of important BC leaders to be included in text books
20. To bring act any derogatory acts against BC punishable and act on line with SC,ST atrocities Act, at least in state

5. POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT:

1. More reservations in educational institutions and for employment in government institutions, as per the population of BCs.
2. Categorisation of Political Reservations among BCs in Local Body elections and enhancement of Reservations from 34% to 50%.
3. Sub-categorization of political reservation for BC groups A to D.
4. Reservations in nominated posts including PACS,DCCB, DCMS, Mark fed and Judicial system
5. Exemption of creamy layer system for BCs

6. GOVERNANCE RELATED:

1. Rationalizations of postings of officers and staff in major departments like revenue, Police, Panchayati Raj, Medical and Health in the districts. Steps to be taken to ensure adequate representation of the communities as per the population. Under no circumstances there should be monopoly of any community in an office dealing with public governance.
2. Reservation to BCs to be provided to all nominated posts of all Government appointed bodies.
3. Reservation proportionate to the population to be provided for the post of Public Prosecutors, Standing Councils and Government Pleaders.

7. BC EMPLOYEES RELATED:

1. Reservations in promotions for BC employees

2. Encouragement of BC Employees and may be posted in the focal posts.
3. There should be a dedicated liaison officer in each department and district to deal with the administrative issues/grievances of BCs as is done for SCs and Women.
4. BC Employees Associations to be recognised and encouraged
5. BC Employees Associations should be given accommodation in offices

8. GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RELATED:

1. Separate Ministry for BCs at Government of India.
2. All party BC legislative delegation **headed by CM** to Delhi on reservation in legislature
3. All BCs in Telangana shall be included in OBC list of GoI.
4. Sub quota for BCs in Women quota bill proposed in parliament.
5. More reservations in educational institutions and for employment in government institutions, as per the population of BCs
6. OBC shall have a place in all the policies of GOI like Stand Up India, Mudra loans etc as applied to SC, ST and Minorities

9. ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE TO BCW DEPARTMENT

1. Adequate staff for BCWD, MBC corporation, BC Commission, Residential Society
2. Addl staff for post-matric hostels
3. Training to the department staff
4. 211 additional staff for Post Matric hostels
5. Permission to DBCDOs for hiring vehicles. (only for 11 districts)

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