

**REQUEST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR INCLUSION OF THE BEDA (BUDGA) JANGAM COMMUNITY AGAIN IN THE LIST OF SCHEDULED CASTES OF ANDHRA PRADESH.**

RESOLUTION OF THE ANDHRA PRADESH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
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Year	Activity
1950	The Beda (Budga) Jangam caste was not Included in the list of Scheduled Castes of the erstwhile Madras State as per the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, But it was included in the list of Scheduled Castes of erstwhile Hyderabad State.
1956	In the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe List (Modification) Order 1956, the Beda (Budga) Jangam caste was shown in the list of Scheduled Castes of the (10) Districts of Telangana region of Andhra Pradesh.
1976	As per the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976 (in Short Act No. 108 of 1976), there is no area restriction for the Beda (Budga) Jangam caste and this community was Included in the SC list throughout the State of Andhra Pradesh.
2002	Amendment of 1976 was nullified by the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (2 Amendment) Act, 2002 (Act.No.61 of 2002), by which the Beda (Budga) Jangam caste people of (10) districts of Telangana region are only eligible to claim the status of SCs
2014	During re-organisation of the State of Andhra Pradesh into the States of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, the Beda (Budga) Jangam community has been omitted from the list of the Scheduled Castes pertaining to the State of Andhra Pradesh, notified vide Section 28 of 5th Schedule of A.P. Re-organization Act, 2014.

1. The Beda (Budga) Jangam community has a very low social status in the society and the economic and educational backwardness of the community is much higher even compared to the other Scheduled Castes. Even though in Andhra Pradesh the community was in the list of Scheduled Castes from 1976, due to their illiteracy and backwardness, they started taking advantage of reservation and other Constitutional benefits very late in the 1990s only. At a time when the younger generations started going to school and some of them started getting Government and other jobs, the removal of the community from the list of Scheduled Castes in 2002 acted like a bolt from the blue for them. As a result, the community is neither in the list of Scheduled Castes or Backward Classes.

This has caused a severe impact on the educational, economic and overall wellbeing of the community in the State of A.P. and at present it is in a very vulnerable and pathetic condition. Taking into consideration the factors of untouchability and social, economic and educational backwardness, it is found that Beda (Budga) Jangam community is the most deserving community to be included again in the list of the Scheduled Castes in the State of A.P.

2. Several representations have been received to include the Beda (Budga) Jangam Community in the list of SC's in the state of Andhra Pradesh and thus, the students of the Rayalaseema and Coastal areas, pertaining to Beda (Budga) Jangam, may be allowed the benefit of SC quota in Educational Institutions and other benefits.

3. Government after careful examination of the matter, have appointed Sri JC Sharma, IAS, (Retd), as Head of the One Man Commission to resolve certain issues and to make recommendations to Government vide G.O.Ms. No.104, S.W.(CV.1) Dept., dt.05.09.2019 and the

Commission has submitted its report on the Issue of inclusion of Beda (Budga) Jangam community In the State of Andhra Pradesh on 15.06.2020 and one of the recommendations of the One Man Commission is as follows:-

*The State Government may send a proposal to the Government of India to include the Beda (Budga) Jangam community again in the list of Scheduled Castes of Andhra Pradesh at serial No.9 of the Schedule, Part I Andhra Pradesh of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950.*

4. The A.P. State Commission for Scheduled Castes in its letter Dt.26.07.2023 have forwarded the recommendations made by the One Man Commission headed by Sri J.C.Sharma, IAS(Retd.) and requested the Government to take further necessary action in this matter.

5. The Government after careful examination, have placed the matter for the consideration of the Council of Ministers and the Council of Ministers have approved the recommendation of the One-Man Commission, to recommend to Government of India for inclusion of the Beda (Budga) Jangam Community again In the list of Scheduled Castes of Andhra Pradesh and to furnish the Council Resolution to the Government of India for taking further action.

6. Government of India is therefore requested to consider to include the Beda (Budga) Jangam Community again in the list of Scheduled Castes of Andhra Pradesh so that they can enjoy the same rights, protection and benefits as all the other Scheduled Castes.

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