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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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NOTIFICATION

No. 945-BCW/MR-23/2026, dated the 18th May, 2026.— WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Division Bench of High Court at Calcutta passed a Judgment/Order on 22nd May, 2024, in the matter of WPO 60 of 2011 with WPA 22145 of 2010 with WPA 8844 of 2020 with WPO 1160 of 2013 with WPO 578 of 2012, wherein the 66 (sixty-six) classes included in the State List of OBCs prior to 2010 for the purpose of availing reservation under article 16(4) of the Constitution of India, were not interfered and distribution of percentage of reservation as 10% for OBC (Category A) and 7% for OBC (Category B) were struck down;

AND WHEREAS, the Hon'ble Division Bench of High Court at Calcutta also limited the reservation for OBCs in the State to 7% for the 66 classes in the State List of OBCs unaffected classes;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governor is pleased to inform accordingly that the State List of OBCs consists of the following sixty-six (66) classes to avail 7% reservation in the services and posts under the Government of West Bengal:—

LIST

1	Kapali
2	Baishya Kapali
3	Kurmi
4	Sutradhar
5	Karmakar
6	Kumbhakar
7	Swarnakar
8	Teli, Kolu

9	Napit
10	Yogi, Nath
11	Goala, Gope (Pallav Gope, Ballav Gope, Yadav Gope, Gope, Ahir and Yadav)
12	Moirā (Halwai), Modak (Halwai)
13	Barujibi
14	Satchasi
15	Malakar
16	Jolah (Ansari-Momin)
17	Kansari
18	Tanti, Tantubaya
19	Dhanuk
20	Shankakar
21	Keori/Koiri
22	Raju
23	Nagar
24	Karani
25	Sarak
26	Tamboli/Tamali
27	Kosta/Kostha
28	Roniwar/Rauniyar
29	Scheduled Castes converts to Christianity and their progeny
30	Lakhera/Laahera
31	Fakir, Sain
32	Kahar
33	Betkar (Bentkar)
34	Chitrakar
35	Bhujel
36	Newar
37	Mangar
38	Nembang
39	Sampang
40	Bungchheng
41	Thami
42	Jogi
43	Dhimal
44	Hawari, Dhobi (other than those included in the list of Scheduled Castes)
45	Bhar
46	Khandait
47	Gangot
48	Turha
49	Dhunia

50	Patidar
51	Kasai
52	Hele/Halia/Chasi-Kaibartta, Das Kaibartta
53	Bansi Barman
54	Nashya-Sekh
55	Pahadia Muslim
56	Khen (Non-Bania category)
57	Sukli
58	Sunuwar
59	Bharbhuja
60	Dewan
61	Rai (including Chamling)
62	Rayeen (Kunjra)
63	Shershabadia
64	Devanga
65	Hajjam (Muslim)
66	Chowduli (Muslim)

By order of the Governor,

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