

**DEDICATED COMMISSION FOR RESERVATION  
FOR BACKWARD CLASS OF CITIZENS IN  
LOCAL BODIES OF MAHARASHTRA**

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No. MS/DCBCCMH/2022/56

Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022

To,

The Vice Chancellor  
Non-Agriculture Universities (All)  
Maharashtra State.

**Sub.: One Day Symposium on “Political Backwardness”.**

**Ref: Government of Maharashtra Notification dated 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022  
for setting up of a Dedicated Commission for reservation for  
backward class of citizens in local bodies of Maharashtra.**

Dear Madam/Sir,

With reference to the above-mentioned subject, it is stated that the Government of Maharashtra to set up a Dedicated Commission under the Chairmanship of Shri. Jayant Kumar Banthia, Ex-Chief Secretary, State of Maharashtra, to conduct contemporaneous rigorous empirical inquiry into the nature and implications of the political backwardness *qua* local bodies with respect to the Backward Class of Citizens (Other Backward Classes) within the State. A copy of the Notification is enclosed herewith.

In pursuance of the Terms of Reference of the “Dedicated Commission”, the Commission proposes to hold one-day symposium on “Political Backwardness” in April/May 2022 at Pune. To have a wider consultation process the Dedicated Commission has decided to invite lead academicians and institutions actively working in the arena of legal, social, political and good governance to hear their views and any research work carried out. The Head of the Political Science Department / Other appropriate departments or delegates of your university be informed and urged to submit a research paper to the Commission regarding “*The Concept of Political Backwardness and its Implications*”. The context of

this theme be understood in light of Constitutional Amendments Article 243–D and Article 243–T. Also refer the Hon’ble Supreme Court Judgement in the case of K. Krishna Murthy and Ors Vs Union of India and Anr, dated 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2010 and more recent judgment in Vikas Kisanrao Gawali Vs State of Maharsashtra (Writ Petition (Civil) no. 980 of 2019).

The paper should be in not more than 10000 words (on A4 size paper, typed in Times New Roman, Font size 12 pts, 1.5 line spacing). Along with the paper an abstract/executive summary, in about 500 words, should also be submitted.

An honorarium of Rs. 10000/= will be paid for papers selected for presentation before the Commission. In all other cases, an acknowledgement of submission of paper will be recorded appropriately. The authors of selected papers would be required to present their paper in a “One Day Symposium on Political Backwardness” to be held at Pune. To and fro taxi fare, AC rail fare or airfare as admissible and accommodation would be provided to the lead author to attend the symposium.

It is requested that the papers be submitted to the Commission latest by 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The details about date/s and venue for the symposium will be communicated in due course. You are also requested to give wide publicity on the University Notice Board and through other digital forums.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

Encl: as above



(PANKAJ KUMAR)

Copy submitted for kind information to:

1. PA to the Chairman, Dedicated Commission.



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# महाराष्ट्र शासन राजपत्र

## असाधारण भाग एक-मध्य उप-विभाग

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असाधारण क्रमांक ११

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ग्राम विकास विभाग

बांधकाम भवन, मझबान पथ,  
मुंबई ४०० ०३२, दिनांक ११ मार्च २०२२.

आदेश

क्रमांक जिपनि २०२२/प्र.क्र.३५/पं.रा.-२.—ज्याअर्थी, माननीय सर्वोच्च न्यायालयाने विकास किसनराव गवळी-वि-महाराष्ट्र राज्य (रिट याचिका क्र.१८०/२०१९) या प्रकरणामध्ये दिनांक ०४ मार्च, २०२१ रोजी दिलेल्या आपल्या आदेशातील परिच्छेद क्र. १२ मध्ये, राज्यातील नागरिकांच्या मागासवर्गांच्या (इतर मागासवर्गांच्या) बाबतीत स्थानिक स्वराज्य संस्थानिहाय राजकीय मागासलेपणाच्या स्वरूपाची व परिणामांची समकालीन अनुभवधिष्ठीत सखोल चौकशी करण्यासाठी समर्पित आयोग स्थापन करण्याचे निर्देश दिले आहेत ;

आणि ज्याअर्थी, उक्त प्रयोजनासाठी समर्पित आयोग घटित करणे इष्ट आहे असे महाराष्ट्र शासनास वाटते ;

त्याअर्थी आता, महाराष्ट्र शासन याद्वारे श्री. जयंतकुमार बांठिया, माजी मुख्य सचिव, महाराष्ट्र राज्य यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली पुढील सदस्यांचा समावेश असलेला एक समर्पित आयोग घटित करीत आहे :—

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अ. क्र. (१)	नाव (२)	पदनाम (३)
१.	श्री. जयंतकुमार बांठिया, माजी मुख्य सचिव, महाराष्ट्र राज्य.	अध्यक्ष ;
२.	संचालक, अंतराष्ट्रीय जनसंख्या विज्ञान संस्था अथवा त्यांचा प्रतिनिधी.	सदस्य ;
३.	संचालक, टाटा सामाजिक विज्ञान संस्था अथवा त्यांचा प्रतिनिधी.	सदस्य ;
४.	श्री. एच.बी. पटेल, सेवानिवृत्त प्रधान सचिव (विधि विधान), विधि व न्याय विभाग.	सदस्य ;
५.	श्री. महेश झगडे, सेवानिवृत्त आय.ए.एस. अधिकारी.	सदस्य ;
६.	श्री. नरेश गिते, सेवानिवृत्त आय.ए.एस. अधिकारी.	सदस्य ;

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श्री. पंकजकुमार, व्यवस्थापकीय संचालक, महाराष्ट्र मत्स्य व्यवसाय विकास महामंडळ हे उक्त आयोगाचे सदस्य-सचिव असतील. उक्त आयोगाकडे पुढील कार्ये सोपविण्यात येतील.—

### कार्यकक्षा

(१) महाराष्ट्र राज्यातील स्थानिक स्वराज्य संस्थांनिहाय राजकीय मागासलेपणाचे स्वरूप व परिणाम याची समकालीन अनुभवनिष्ठ सखोल चौकशी करणे.

(२) अभिलेखे, अहवाल, सर्वेक्षण व इतर उपलब्ध माहिती याआधारे नागरी व ग्रामीण स्थानिक स्वराज्य संस्थांनिहाय नागरिकांच्या मागास वर्गाच्या लोकसंख्येचे एकूण लोकसंख्येशी असलेले प्रमाण निश्चित करणे. आणि माननीय सर्वोच्च न्यायालयाने रिट याचिका क्र. ९८०/२०१९, विशेष अनुमती याचिका क्र. १९७५६/२०२१ व रिट याचिका क्र. १४१/२०२२ मधील आदेशांमध्ये दिलेल्या निर्देशानुसार राज्य शासनास आपल्या शिफारशींसह अहवाल देखील सादर करणे.

(३) त्याच्या पहिल्या बैठकीपासून तीन महिन्यांच्या कालावधीत किंवा राज्य शासनाद्वारे वाढविण्यात येईल अशा कालावधीत राज्य शासनास त्याचा अहवाल सादर करील.

याशिवाय, आयोगास,—

(क) केंद्र व राज्य शासनाची कार्यालये, सार्वजनिक क्षेत्रातील उपक्रम, आस्थापना, विद्यापीठे व इतर संस्था आणि अशी इतर प्राधिकरणे यांच्याकडून, त्याला योग्य वाटेल अशा स्वरूपात व रीतीने आकडेवारी त्याच्या प्रयोजनार्थ आवश्यक किंवा संबंधित वाटेल अशी माहिती किंवा सांख्यिकी मिळविण्यासाठी संघटना, संस्था किंवा व्यक्ती यांचे सहाय्य घेता येईल .

(ख) तज्ज्ञ व संशोधक यांच्यासोबत बैठका घेऊन त्यांचा सल्ला घेता येईल आणि अनुभवनिष्ठ सांख्यिकी आकडेवारीचे विश्लेषण करण्यासाठी आणि आयोगाचे कामकाज कार्यक्षमपणे व प्रभावीपणे करण्यासाठी आवश्यक वाटेल तेव्हा तज्ज्ञांचे व संशोधकांचे सहाय्यदेखील घेता येईल.

(ग) वरील उद्दिष्टे साध्य करण्यासाठी महाराष्ट्र राज्यातील किंवा भारतातील अन्य राज्यांमधील विविध भागांना भेटी देण्यासाठी अभ्यासदौरे आयोजित करता येतील.

महाराष्ट्राचे राज्यपाल यांच्या आदेशानुसार व नावाने,

**राजेश कुमार,**  
शासनाचे अपर मुख्य सचिव.

**RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Bandhakam Bhavan, Marzaban Path,  
Mumbai 400 032, dated the 11th March 2022.

**Order**

No. ZPE 2022/C.R.35/PARA-2.—Whereas, the Supreme Court in the case of Vikas Kisanrao Gawali Vs. State of Maharashtra [Writ Petition (Civil) No. 980 of 2019], by its order dated the 4th March 2021, in para 12, directed the State Government to set up a dedicated Commission to conduct contemporaneous rigorous empirical inquiry into the nature and implications of the backwardness *qua* local bodies with respect to the Backward Class of Citizens (Other Backward Classes) within the State;

And whereas, the Government of Maharashtra, considers it expedient to constitute a dedicated Commission for the said purpose;

Now, therefore, the Government of Maharashtra hereby constitutes a dedicated Commission under the Chairmanship of Shri. Jayant Kumar Banthia, Ex-Chief Secretary, State of Maharashtra consisting of the following members;

Sr. No. (1)	Name (2)	Designation (3)
1.	Shri Jayant Kumar Banthia, Ex-Chief Secretary, State of Maharashtra.	Chairman;
2.	Director or its representative, International Institute of Population Studies.	Member;
3.	Director or its representative, Tata Institute of Social Sciences.	Member;
4.	Shri. H.B. Patel, Retired Principal Secretary (Legislation), Law and Judiciary Department.	Member;
5.	Shri. Mahesh Zagade, Retired IAS Officer.	Member;
6.	Shri Naresh Gite, Retired IAS Officer.	Member;

Shri Pankaj Kumar, Managing Director, Maharashtra Fisheries Development Corporation shall be the Member-Secretary of the said Commission.

The said Commission shall be entrusted with the following functions.—

**Terms of reference**

1. To conduct the contemporaneous rigorous empirical inquiry into nature and implications of the political backwardness *qua* local bodies in the State of Maharashtra.

2. To ascertain rural and urban local body-wise proportion of population of Backward Class of Citizens to the total population, on the basis of records, reports, surveys and other available data and also to submit a report with its recommendations to the State Government as per the directions given by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its orders in the W.P. No. 980 of 2019, SLP No. 19756/2021 and W.P. No. 141/2022

3. To submit its report to the State Government, within the period of three months or such other period as may be extended by the State Government.”.

Further that Commission may,—

(a) take the assistance from various organizations, institutions or individuals for obtaining such information or statistics as it may consider necessary or relevant for its purpose, in such form and manner as they may think appropriate, from the Central and State Government Offices, public sector undertakings, establishments, Universities and other institutions and such other authorities;

(b) avail advice of experts and researchers by holding meetings with them and also get assistance of recognized research institutions as and when necessary for analysis of the empirical data and also for the efficient and effective functioning of the Commission ; and

(c) arrange study tours to visit the various areas in the State of Maharashtra or in other States in India to achieve the above objectives.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

RAJESH KUMAR,  
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.