



GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

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Bangalore,dated: 18.11.2020 .

Notification

Sub : Abolition of Bitti Chakari Practice in Karnataka
under Bonded Labour Act (Abolition) Act, 1976.

Since many years, certain communities of northern parts of Karnataka bound by tradition were compelled to render unpaid services like cleaning and washing the cow sheds and the premises of their landlords everyday for few hours, along with other customary works ordered by the landlords during social/ cultural ceremonies in return for food grains for the whole year which is far below the minimum wages for any kind of labour notified by the Government from time to time. This practice was known as Bitti Chakari.

A seven member committee headed by Sri Shivaji Ganeshan constituted by the Department of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Government of Karnataka, in 2015, to study the issues of Bonded Labour system in the State has made a recommendation that Government should abolish Bitti Chakari Practice in the State as it is a form of Bonded Labour.

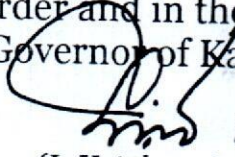
The Department of Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Government of Karnataka had addressed the Deputy Commissioners of the concerned districts to examine the issue of Bitti Chakari Practice in the light of Sri Shivaji Ganeshan Committee recommendations and the complaint letter given by Sri Kiran Kamal vide letter NO s - RDP/3/RBL/2014(01), dated- 5.11.2015 and RDPR/05/RBL/2018, dated- 13.3.2019 respectively.

NHRC vide case No- 332/10/0/2019/(M-II) has also asked the Government of Karnataka to examine the issue of Bitti Chakari Practice in parts of Karnataka.

After examining the issue in all its aspects, the State Government is convinced that the Practice of Bitti Chakari i.e, receiving the traditional/customary services in return of the payment of pittance of food grains for the whole year is clearly Bonded Labour System as defined under Sec 2(b), Sec 2 g(ii) and sec 2 g (v) of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976.

It is hereby notified that the practice of Bitti Chakari to get the customary/traditional services of certain communities is abolished throughout the state of Karnataka with immediate effect. Anybody compelling the communities to offer such services will be punishable under Bonded Labour Act (Abolition) act, 1976.

By Order and in the name
of the Governor of Karnataka,


18.11.2020
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Principal Secretary to Government
Department of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj.

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1. Principal Secretary to Government , Dept. of Revenue
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4. Principal Secretary to Government, Dept of Labour
5. Principal Secretary to Government, Dept of Social Welfare.
6. Deputy Commissioners of all the districts of the State.
7. Chief Executive Officers of all the Zilla Panchayats of the State.