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Subject: Ref: Inclusion of Jains among current SCs

Dear Mr. Bal Patil,

Ref: Inclusion of Jains among current SCs and article on Nov. 5, 2007, Kochi edition

Our Special Correspondent, Kochi clarifies:

"I spoke to Dr. Vijay Sonkar Sastri and he says that he sticks to what he said at the meet.

"He has pointed out that the SCs among Jains are constitutionally entitled to SC reservation. May be the organisation that took objection to the reference is not fully aware of the fact, he says.

"I also spoke to Mr. K.V. Madanan, working president of the All India SC Reservation Protection Forum. He has quoted explanation 2 of Article 25 which says that "In subclause B of Clause 2, the reference to Hindu shall be constructed as including a reference to persons professing the Sikh, Jain or Buddhist religions."

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