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Questions

- 1. Are Rors considered to be Dalits?**
- 2. Please provide information in relation to an incident in Chur Majra on 27 November 2008 when a person was killed in a land dispute.**

RESPONSE

1. Are Rors considered to be Dalits?

Information previously provided in *Research Response IND34295* in February 2009 states that the Ror caste is not included on the 'List of Scheduled Castes in Haryana State' provided by the Directorate of Social Justice & Empowerment of the Government of Haryana. Neither are the Ror on the list of 'Other Backward Classes in Haryana' provided by the Indian National Commission for Backward Classes (Directorate of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of Haryana (undated), 'List of Scheduled Castes in Haryana State' http://socialjusticehry.nic.in/list_sc.htm – Accessed 14 January 2009 – Attachment 1; Government of India 2008, 'Central List of Other Backward Classes', National Commission for Backward Classes website, updated 27 June <http://ncbc.nic.in/backward-classes/haryana.html> – Accessed 14 January 2009 – Attachment 2).

2. Please provide information in relation to an incident in Chur Majra on 27 November 2008 when a person was killed in a land dispute.

The Tribune provided a report on this incident in Chuhar Majra village on 28 November 2008:

A person was killed and four others were seriously injured in a clash between two groups in Chuhar Majra village here today.

At least six police personnel, who were trying to control the situation, sustained minor injuries in the incident. Villagers, who were engaged in a pitched battle, damaged two police vehicles by pelting them with stones.

A dispute over a piece of land is said to have led the clash, in which firearms, swords and stones were freely used. The clash started at around 12 noon and continued till 3 pm.

A group of villagers was sowing seeds on a disputed land, which was opposed by the other group. A police party led by DSP Guhla Abhay Singh, which tried to dissuade the villagers, was forced to retreat. Later, SP Sultan Singh went to the spot along with a large police force. However, the SP denied that the police was forced to retrace.

The police has registered a case and rounded up at least 30 persons for interrogation. It also recovered some firearms and sharp-edged weapons. The deceased has been identified as Sat Pal of Bandrana village.

Three of the injured persons have been identified as Shamsher, Pardeep and Jasmer, while one person is yet to be identified. The police personnel who sustained injuries included Madan Lal, Mukesh Kumar, Jasbir Singh, Baljit Singh and Pala Ram.

The SP said when the police came to know about the tension prevailing in the village, it called both the parties to the Dhand police station, where both the parties agreed to compromise. However, later when they went back to the village, the police came to know about the clash. He said nobody who took law into his hands would be spared ('One killed in group clash' 2008, *The Tribune*, 28 November <http://www.tribuneindia.com/2008/20081128/haryana.htm#13> – Accessed 28 April 2009 – Attachment 4).

On 27 November 2008 the *oneindia* news website also reported on this incident, but this report provides no additional details ('One killed, 9 injured in clash in Haryana village' 2008, *oneindia*, 27 November <http://news.oneindia.in/2008/11/27/one-killed-9-injured-in-clash-in-haryana-village-1227854967.html> – Accessed 28 April 2009 – Attachment 3).

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BACIS (DIAC Country Information database)

REFINFO (IRBDC (Canada) Country Information database)

ISYS (RRT Research & Information database, including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, US Department of State Reports)

RRT Library Catalogue

List of Attachments

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