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Danish Ansari Faces Casteist Abuse After Ministerial Appointment

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Danish Ansari

CASE SUMMARY

Ministerial appointment	Danish Azad Ansari took oath as a minister of state in the second Yogi Adityanath government.
Home district	Ansari hails from Ballia district in Uttar Pradesh.
Online caste abuse	After he took oath, social media users repeatedly called him 'Julaha' in derogatory posts.
Evidence shared	Pasmanda activist Faiyaz Ahmad Fyzie shared screenshots and video clips of the abuse.
Community classification	The Muslim weaver community is classified as a backward class in Uttar Pradesh and several other states.

THE TAKEAWAY

The use of 'Julaha' to mock Ansari's appointment echoes the contempt for Indian Muslim converts described by historian Kishori Sharan Lal.

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