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Government of India  
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NCBC Advice No. 22<sup>24</sup> Bihar/98

22. 10. 1998

Dear Shri Manavalan,

I am sending herewith the Advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act for the Inclusion of "Sukiyar" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Bihar, duly authenticated, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act.

2. With this, Advices on 428(251 for Inclusion + 177 for Rejection) castes, sub-castes, synonyms etc. have been tendered to the Government by the Commission, after its reconstitution in 1997, of which 422 (245 for Inclusion + 177 for Rejection) are still pending with the Government for Notification.

Yours sincerely  
*P. S. Krishnan*  
(P. S. KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated.

Shri D.K. Manavalan  
Secretary to Govt. of India  
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment  
Shastri Bhavan  
NEW DELHI

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FINDINGS

Case: Request for Inclusion of "Sukiyar/Chasa" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Bihar

Per Shri P.S.Krishnan, Member-Secretary

I. REQUEST

Requests have been received in this Commission from the following individuals/Organisations for the Inclusion of "Sukiyar" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Bihar:-

1. Shri Dev Dayal  
Member, Bihar Vidhan Sabha
2. Shri Bhubneshwar Prasad Mehta  
Member of Parliament(Lok Sabha)  
Pagmil Road, Hazaribagh (Bihar)
3. Prof. Surendra Prasad Mehta  
Co-ordinator  
Sukiyar Jati Buddhijivi Sangh  
Ichak, Hazaribagh, Bihar
4. Shri Chandradari Prasad  
Secretary  
Sukiyar Chasa (Kushwaha) Buddhijivi Sangh  
Ichak, Hazaribagh, Bihar

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A seprate Request has also been received from Shri Birbal Prasad Mehta, President, Bihar Chasa Shakya Sokiya (Kushwaha) Kendriya Samiti, Hazaribagh, Bihar for the inclusion of "Chasa" which is stated in the Request to be a sub-caste of Sukiya.

## II. PUBLIC HEARING

2. The two-Member Bihar Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S.Krishnan, Hon'ble Member-Secretary, NCBC and Prof. Uday Pratap Singh, Hon'ble Member, NCBC held a Public Hearing in respect of these Requests at Patna on 08.01.1998. At the Public Hearing the State Government was represented by Shri Harun Rashid, Deputy-Secretary, Deptt. of Personnel & Administrative Reforms and other officers. Prof. Rameshwar Prasad Singh, Hon'ble Member, Bihar State Commission for Backward Classes was also present during the Hearing and provided valuable information. The community was represented by Shri Jai Narayan Prasad Mehta, Chairman, Shri Chandradhari Prasad, Secretary, Sukiya Chasa (Kuswaha) Buddhijivi Sangh.

## III. FACTS

3. "Sukiya" is not included in the first-phase Central List of Backward Classes for Bihar prepared and notified in 1993 on the basis of the principle of commonality (ie., inclusion in the Central List of those castes/communities which were included in both the Mandal Commission's List of BCs and the State List that existed at that time) because it was not included in the Mandal Commission's List of BCs for Bihar, though it was included in the State Government's List of Backward Classes wherein it is included at entry no. 31 of Annexure-2.

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4. The representatives of the caste/community stated during the Public Hearing that theirs is a community of agriculturists having a population of 2,40,000 approximately mainly concentrated in the Hazaribagh district. They also stated that their community can be said to be a sub-caste of Kushwaha but on a specific query they further stated that in social standing the position of their community is below that of Kushwahas proper and of Yadavs ("Yadav" is included in the Cental List of BCs for Bihar at entry no. 104), equal to the cultivating caste of Kurmi of Hazaribagh [included in the Central List of BCs for Bihar at entry no. 15 as "Kurmi(Mahto)(in Chhotanagpur Division only)"] and above 'Musahar' (included in the List of SCs for Bihar at entry no. 18) and 'Prajapati'(included in the List of BCs for Bihar at entry no. 69). Members of the community usually suffix with their name "Mahto" or "Mehta" as titles. The representatives of the community further stated that "Chasa" is a sub-caste of "Sukiyar" and there are marital relations between these two. They apprised that they have made Request to the State Commission for the inclusion of "Chasa" in the State List. On specific enquiry they clarified that they do not have any relations with Chasas of Orissa and they do not use titles like Mohanti as Oriya Chasas do.

5. In the NCBC's Questionnaire filled up by Shri Chandradhari Prasad, Secretary, Sukiyar Chasa (Kushwaha) Buddhijivi Sangh the main name of the community is given as "Sukiyar (Kushwaha)". The total population of the community is stated to be 2,38,750 which is largely concentrated in Hazaribagh, Giridh, Bokaro, Kodarma, Chatra, Ranchi and Dhanbad. The occupation on which the members of the community mainly depend for their livelihood is given as "Agriculture/Agriculture labour" mainly involving manual labour both on their own land as well as rendered for wage. Members of the community are also stated to be engaged in

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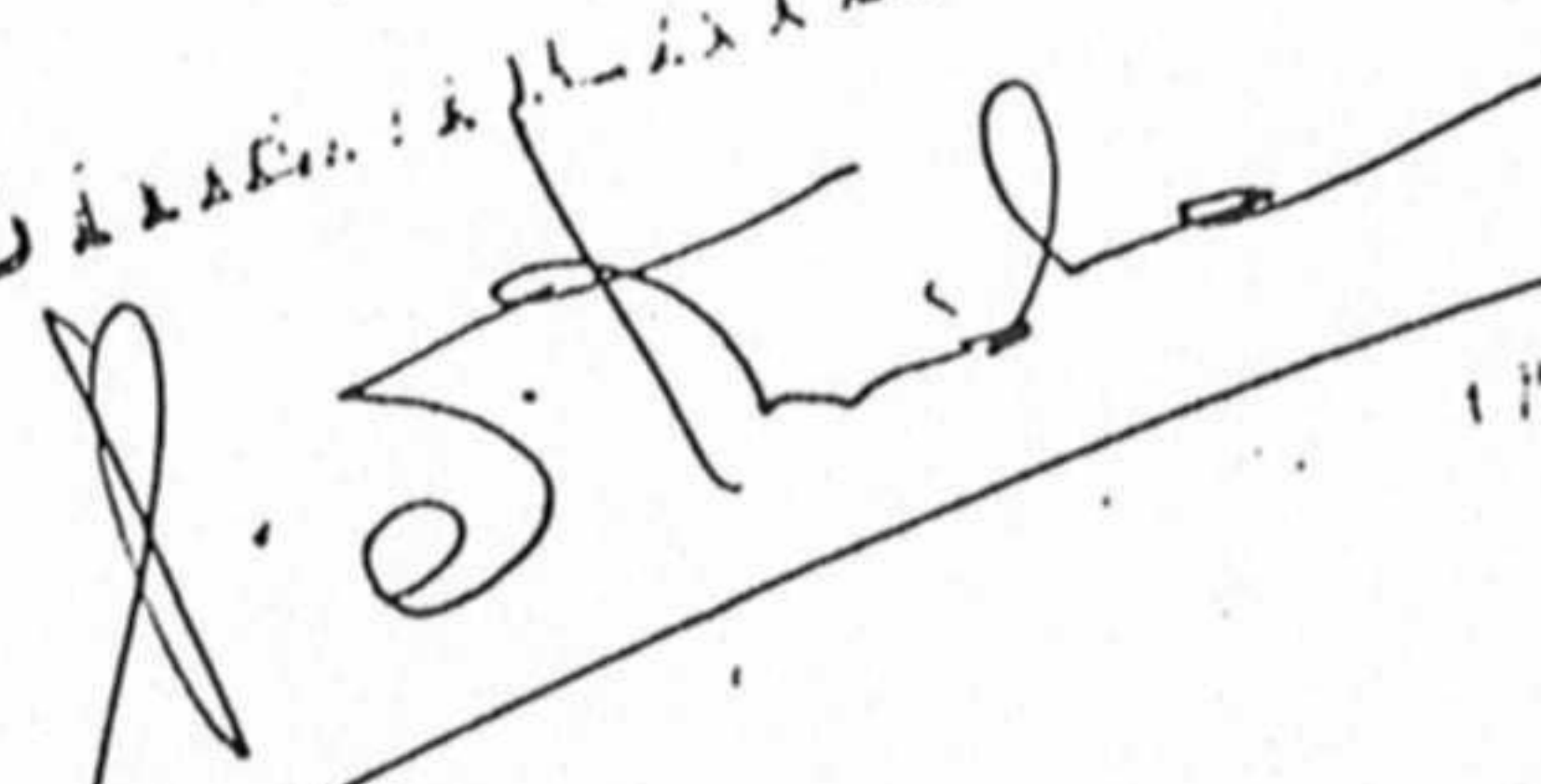
non-agricultural daily labour. The literacy rate of the community is given as 25% (as against the State average of 38.48% as per 1991 Census). 93% of the families of the community is stated to be residing in Kachha houses. Number of posts held by members of the community in the State and Central Government services in 1994-95 is given as follows:-

|                    | <u>State Govt.</u> | <u>Central Govt.</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Group A/Class I:   | Nil                | -                    |
| Group B/Class II:  | 7                  | 1                    |
| Group C/Class III: | 140                | 6                    |
| Group D/Classs IV: | 205                | 60                   |

Representation of members of the community in professional services is given as follows:-

|       |                                                                           |    |
|-------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| (i)   | State level Public Undertakings, autonomous/semi-utonomous establishments | 5  |
| (ii)  | Teachers in colleges and Universities                                     | 1  |
| (iii) | Lawyers                                                                   | 6  |
| (iv)  | Chartered Accountants                                                     | 11 |
| (v)   | Media professional                                                        | 1  |

6. There was no objection raised during the Public Hearing to the inclusion in the Central List of BCs for Bihar of "Sukiyar" from those present who were from different sections of Society.

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IV. FINDINGS

7. From the evidence adduced before the Bench, the Bench has come to the Finding that "Sukiyar" caste/community of Bihar is a Socially and Educationally Backward Class and therefore it should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Bihar at entry no. 127, as follows:-

"127. Sukiyar"

"127. सुकिमार"

Regarding inclusion of "Chasa" as a sub-caste/synonym of "Sukiyar", the Bench felt the need for further evidence and therefore advised the representatives of the community to await the completion of enquiry by the State Commission with respect to their Request for inclusion of "Chasa" in the State List and re-approach this Commission after a decision is taken by the State Commission in this regard. The Request-making party is being separately addressed in writing in this regard.

*Uday Singh*  
15.10.98

*P. S. Mishra*  
8.10.98

V. ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION

8. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the above Finding of the Bihar Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act:-

"Sukiyar" be included in the Central List of

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Backward Classes for Bihar at Sl.No. 127, as follows:-

"127. Sukiya"

" 127. सुकियार "

9. On account of the unfortunate demise of one of the Members Shri Navtej Puadhi on 16.8.98, this unanimous Advice of the Commission does not bear the signature of that Member. The validity of the Advice, notwithstanding the vacancy caused by the demise of the aforesaid Member, is protected by Section 7 of the NCBC Act, 1993.

*Navtej Puadhi*  
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