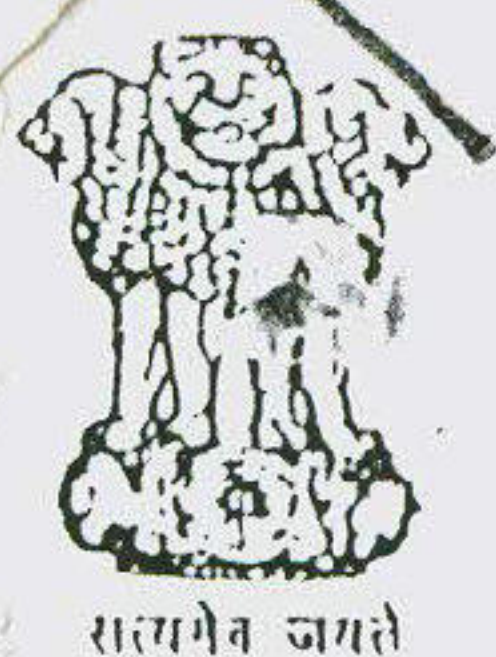




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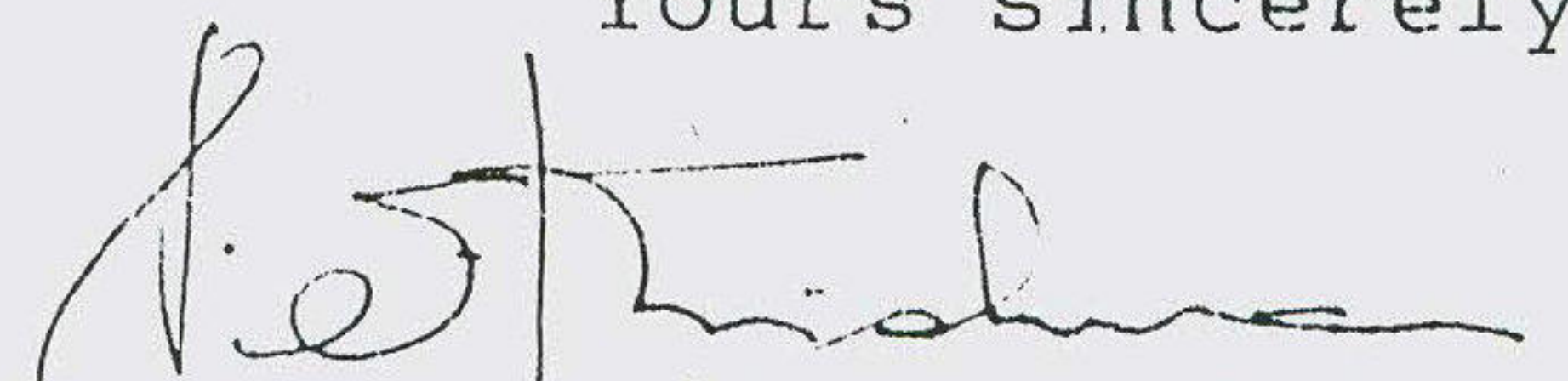
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Dear Shri Manavalan,

I am sending herewith the Advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act for the Rejection of the Reuest for Inclusion of "Rout", "Jena", "Sahu", "Patayat", "Swain", "Parida", "Pradhan" and "Padhan" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa, duly authenticated, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act.

2. With this, Advices on 545 (293 for Inclusion + 252 for Rejection) castes, sub-castes, synonyms etc. have been tendered to the Government by the Commission, after its reconstitution in 1997, of which 539 (287 for Inclusion + 252 for Rejection) are still pending with the Government for Notification.

Yours sincerely


(P.S.KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated.

Shri D.K. Manavalan
Secretary to Govt. of India
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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

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FINDINGS

Case :- Request for inclusion of Rout, Jena, Sahu, Patayat, Swain, Parida, Pradhan, Padhan, Oda Padhan Castes/Communities in the Central list of Backward Classes for Orissa.

Per Shri U. P. Singh, Member

I. Request

These cases arise from the requests received in this Commission from the following individuals/organisations for inclusion in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa :-

- (i) Dr. Y. Khatua,
General Secretary,
Bisal Orissa Udra Mahasangha,
At/P.O. Pondamarai
Distt. Cuttack
Orissa
- (ii) Shri Jibanand Behra
Village Oliha
P.O. Deulpara
Via. Shri Baldevjee
Distt. Kendrapara
Orissa.
- (iii) Shri Bhagyadhar Behra
Type-II-369
New A.G. Colony, Nayapalli,
Bhubaneswar (Orissa)

II. Public Hearing

2. The two-Member Orissa Bench of the Commission consisting of Hon'ble Members Shri U.P. Singh and Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai held a Public Hearing in respect of these requests on 9.10.98 at Bhubaneswar. At the Public hearing the State Govt. was represented by Shri R. B. Naik, Director OBC and the State Commission was represented by Shri B.B. Jagdev, Administrative officer.

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III. Facts

3. 'Rout', 'Jena', 'Patayat', 'Swain', 'Parida', Padhan did not find place in the Mandal List. However Pradhan and Sahu castes/sub-castes/synonyms have been included in the Mandal List as blow :-

"183. Pradhan"

"207. Teli, Telli, Kubara, Telakar, Sahu, Bhaldia"

4. The State Govt. vide Resolution No. 21863-OBC-4/95-W dated 25.8.95 have included 'Pradhan' and 'Padhan' in the State List at Sl. No. 27 as synonyms of Chasa.

5. The Bisal Orissa Udra Mahasangha have stated that Khatua, Jena, Rout, Sahu, Pradhan, Patayat, Swain, Parida are used as designations by the people of 'Oda Pradhan' caste. Shri Jibananda Behra has stated that the Pradhan Caste has been included in the State List of Orissa and requested to included the same in the Central List.

6. Ethnographic evidence about the following castes/sub-castes/synonyms/titles in the Orissa is available in the work of H. H. Risley "The Tribes and Castes of Bengal, Ethnographic Glossary", Firma Mukhopadhyay, Calcutta, Reprint, 1981, First Published in 1891 as under :-

Swain

Risley (ibid. vol. II, p. 290) has mentioned as "A title of Chasas in Orissa"

Pradhan

Risley (ibid. vol. II, p. 178) has a mentioned of Pradhan as "Padhan, (i) a title of Kaibartas, Sunaris, and others in Bengal, a title of Kotals and Binijhias, of Khandaits in Chota Nagpur, Patnis, Chamars and Santals; (ii) a village headman in Singhbhum; (iii) a section of Sunaris in Behar, (iv) a hypergamous division of Tiyaars."

Padhan

Risley (ibid. vol. II, p. 153) has a mentioned of Padhan as " corruption of Pradhan, a title of Chasas in Orissa."

Sahu

According to Risley (ibid. vol. II, p.216) Sahu is "a title of Khatris, of Baniyas, Kalwars and Kandus in Behar; a title of Kewats in Orissa; of Sonars in Behar; a section of the Kulsunri sub-caste of Sunris in Behar, a title of Laheris in Chota Nagpur."

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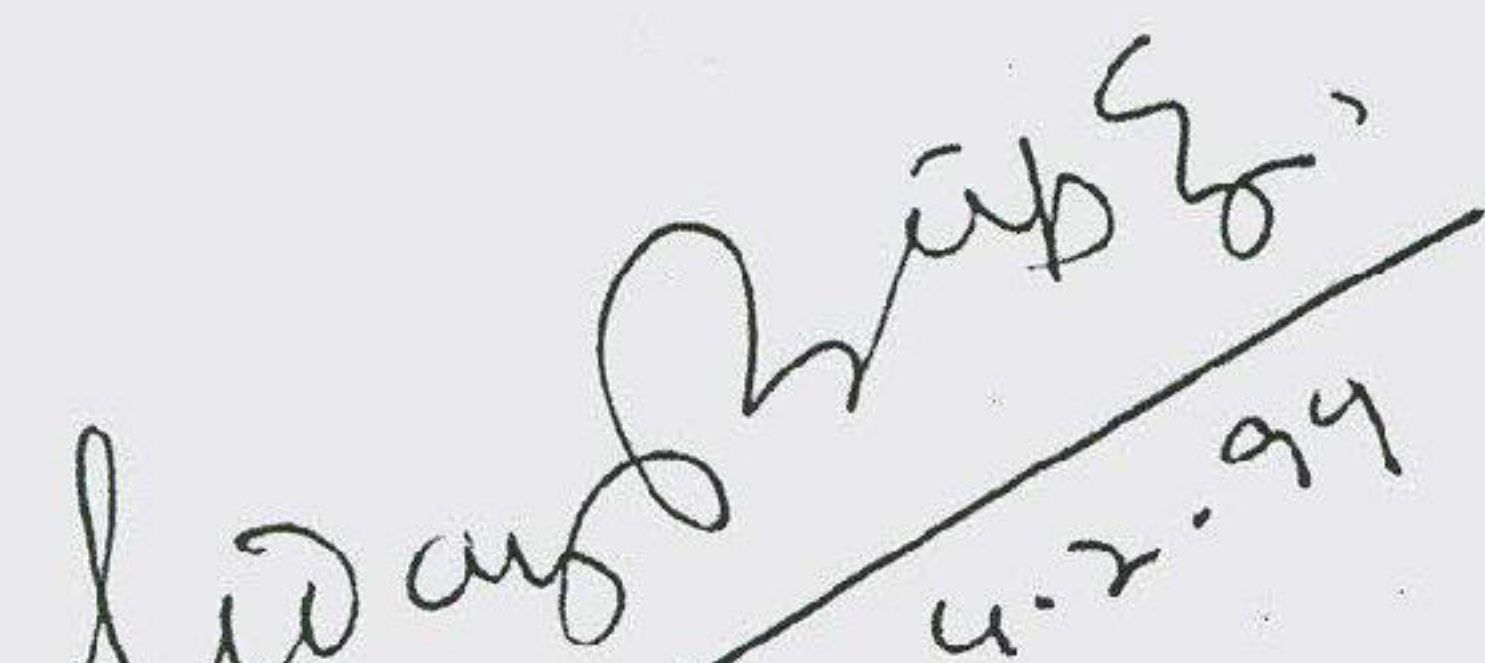
Rout, Jena Parida

According to Risley (ibid. vol. II Appendix-I, p. 35) Lenka, Puhar, Muduli, Swain, Parida, Padhan, Viswal, Naik, Rout, Jena, Samal and Mahanti are titles of Chasa Caste.

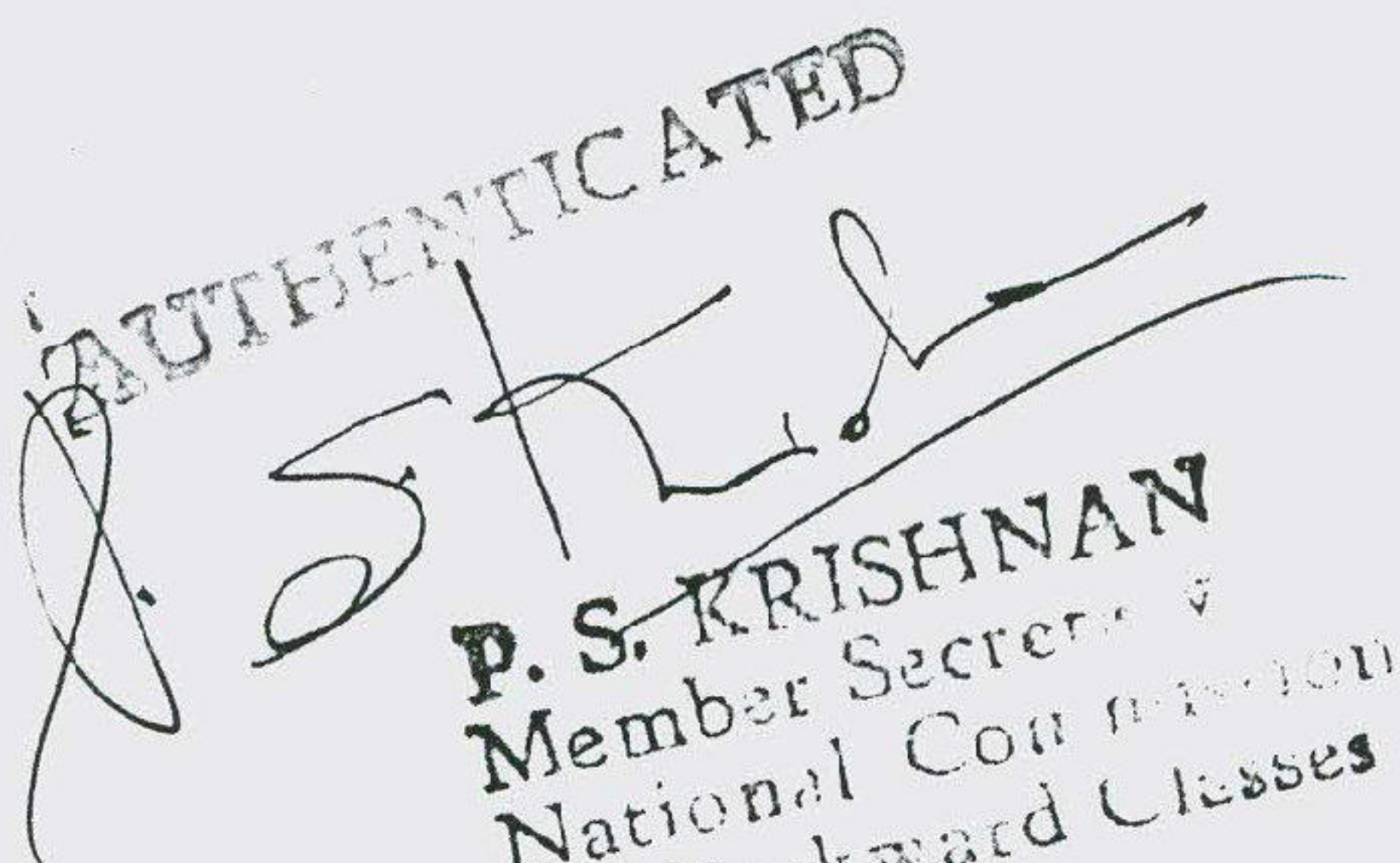
7. At the Public hearing no representative appeared before the Bench in respect of, 'Rout', 'Jena', 'Sahu', 'Patayat', 'Swain', 'Parida' and 'Padhan'. Those who were present at the time of Public hearing and belonging to different castes/communities stated that all these are not castes but only titles of Chasa, Khandait and other castes. Shri Bikalpa Kumar Pradhan on behalf of Pradhan stated that Pradhan is a title used by member of Chasa and Khandait castes. Pradhans belonging to Chasa castes are getting certificates for S.E. B.C. and O.B.C (as 'Chasa' caste is included both in State list and Central List for Orissa) but those Pradhans who belong to Khandait caste are deprived of such facilities because 'Khandait' caste has been included only in State List and not in the Central list.

IV Findings

8. From the statements made by the public at the Public Hearing, the Bench find that 'Rout', 'Jena', 'Sahu', 'Patayat', 'Swain', 'Parida', 'Pradhan' and 'Padhan' are not castes/communities but only titles of different castes and even of traditional offices held in the villages in the past. The Ethnographic literature also supports the statements that these are titles used by Chasa, Khandait and other Castes in Orissa. Therefore, the Bench rejects the request for inclusion of 'Rout', 'Jena', 'Sahu', 'Patayat', 'Swain', 'Parida', 'Pradhan' and 'Padhan' in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa being titles. The requests for inclusion of Odra Pradhan, Oda Pradhan is being considered separately.


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4.2.99


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