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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI - 110 066  
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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 Inclusion of "Dhuri or Dhoori" as a synonym of Bhadhbhuja, Bhunjwa, Bhurji in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act.

*With kind regards,*

Encl: As stated

Yours sincerely

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

MADHYA PRADESH BENCH

FINDINGS

CASE :- REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF "DHURI, DHOORI, DHURUVANSHI" IN THE CENTRAL LIST OF BACKWARD CLASSES FOR MADHYA PRADESH.

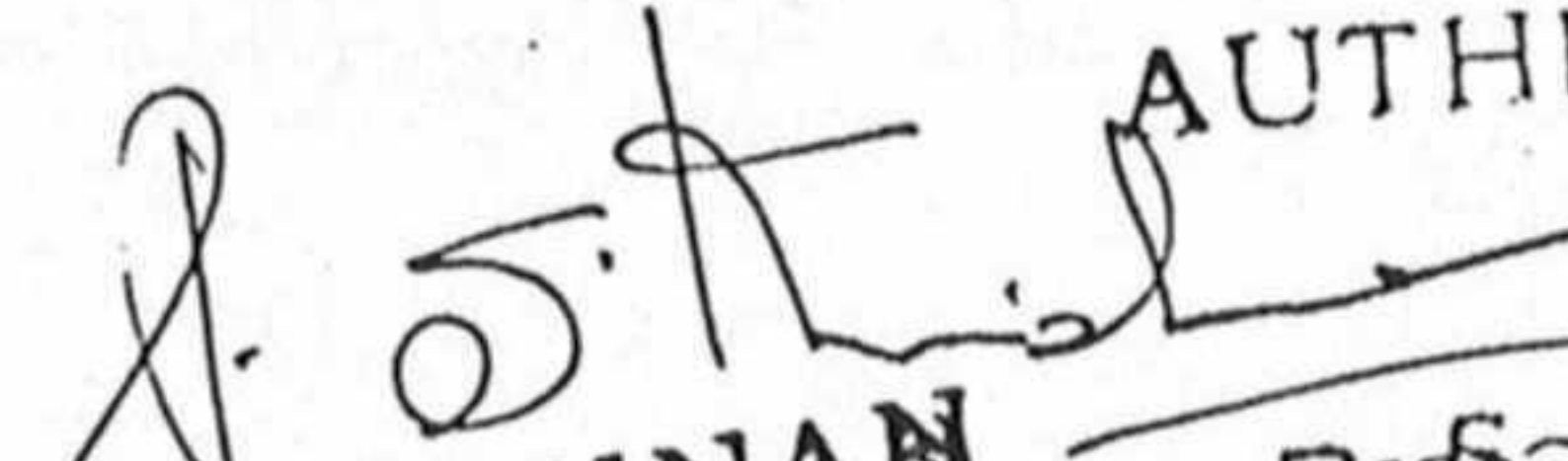
PER SHRI SAHU AKSHAYA BHAI, MEMBER

I. REQUEST

This case arises from the Request received in this Commission from the General Secretary, Dhuri(Dhruvanshi) Samaj Raipur Sanbhag, Vill. & P.O. Karenli(Rajim) Distt. Raipur(M.P.). The Samaj has filled up the NCBC's Questionnaire in respect of their caste/community

II. PUBLIC HEARING

2. The 3-Member Madhya Pradesh Bench of the Commission, consisting of Hon'ble Members S/Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai, U.P. Singh and Navtej Puadhi held a Public Hearing at Bhopal on 3.6.98 to examine the Request for inclusion of "Dhuri, Dhoori, Dhruvanshi" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh. The State Government was represented by Shri A.L. Naharia, Secretary and Shri N.R. Singh, Dy Director of Madhya Pradesh State Backward Classes Commission alongwith Shri M.L. Khanna, Asstt. Director and Shri S.P. Tewari, Research Officer of Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare, Madhya Pradesh. The community was represented by Shri Shyam Lal Dhruvanshi.

  
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III. FACTS

3. The relevant entries in the different lists are as follows:-

(i) MANDAL LIST

"49. Bharbhuj  
61. Bhujwa"

(ii) STATE LIST

"9. Badhbhuja,  
Bhunjwa,  
Bhurji,  
Dhuri or  
Dhoori"

Addition made vide Madhya Pradesh Gazette  
(Extraordinary) dated 5.4.1998

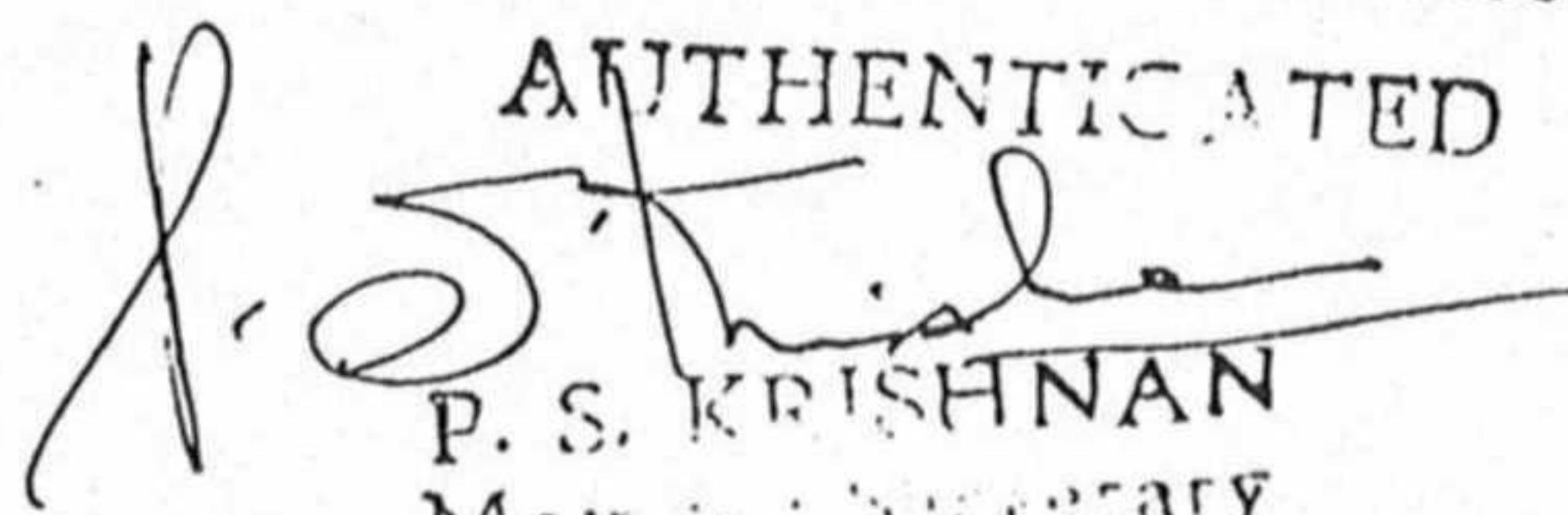
(iii) CENTRAL LIST

"8. Badhbhuja, Bhunjwa, Bhurji"

4. The information furnished in the NCBC's Questionnaire by the Dhuri(Dhruvanshi) Samaj, Raipur contains following facts in support of their caste/communities claim of being socially backward.

- (i) The 'Dhuri' caste is regarded as socially backward.
- (ii) The occupation on which the members of the caste/community mainly depend for livelihood is landless agricultural labour. The women of this caste/community join their male counterparts in their work i.e. agricultural labour and to some extent children also assist to supplement the family incomes. Only insignificant percentage are engaged in petty Govt. and Private Services.
- (iii) Literacy rate of the caste/community is extremely low. Data shows that the caste/community is educationally backward.
- (iv) Their representation in the state services is negligible.

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5. Ethnographic information available in the Book – "The Tribes and Castes of the Central Provinces of India, written by R.V. Russell and Hira Lal, pub. Asian Educational Services, New Delhi and Madras, vol. II(Reprint), first published in 1916, is quoted as under :-

"Dhuri – A caste belonging exclusively to Chhattisgarh, which numbered 3000 persons in 1911. Dhuri is an honorific abbreviation from Dhuriya as Bani from Bania. The special occupation of the caste is rice parching and they are an off shoot from Kahars, though in Chhattisgarh the Dhuris now consider the Kahars as a sub caste of their own. The caste has immigrated to Chhattisgarh from the United Provinces....."(p.527)

".....The Dhuris have two sub-castes, a higher and lower, but they are known by different names in different tracts. In Kawardha they are called Raj Dhuri and Cheorakuta, the Raj Dhuris being the descendants of personal servants in the Raja's family and ranking above the Cheorakutas or rice-pounders. In Bilaspur they are called Badharia and Khawas, and in Raipur Badharia and Desha....."(p.528)

"The proper occupation of the caste is to parch rice. The rice is husked and then parched in an earthen pan and subsequently bruised with a mallet in a wooden mortar. When prepared in this manner it is called Cheora. The Dhuris also act as Khidmatgars or house hold servants, but the members of the Badharia sub caste refuse to do this work. Some members of the caste are fisher men and others grow melons and sweet potatoes....."(p.529)

6. The occupation of the caste/community as per State Govt. list is roasting of chana, lai, jowar etc.

7. During the Public Hearing the representative of the caste/community stated before the Bench that the people known "Dhuri, Dhoori, Dhruvanshi are synonyms of the main caste Badhbhuja. The surname 'Dhruvanshi' has been added as a respectable name. When the Bench pressed further to elucidate the title "Dhruvanshi", they had no specific answer and withdrew this word from the Request. It was made clear to the Requesting party that there is no such entry in the State Backward Class list also which includes Dhurvanshi.

During the Public Hearing those present from different castes/communities and the representatives of the State Govt. did not object to the inclusion of Dhuri or Dhoori as a synonym of existing entry Badhbhuja, Bhunjwa, Bhurji in the Central List of Backward Classes but supported the inclusion of these synonyms.

  
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Member, Commission  
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## IV

## FINDINGS

8. From the foregoing ethnographic and other accounts and amended entry in the State List it is the finding of the Bench that the "Dhuri or Dhoori" is a synonym of "Bharbhujia....." and this should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh alongwith the existing entry, so that amended entry reads as follows:-

"8. Badhbhuja, Bhunjwa, Bhurji, Dhuri or Dhoori"  
'८. भड़भूजा, भुंजवा, भुर्जी, धुरी या धूरी'

*Ashaya*  
22.07.98  
(SAHU AKSHAYA BHAI)

*U.P. Singh*  
23.7.98  
(U.P. SINGH)

*Navtej Puadhi*  
23.7.98  
(NAVTEJ PUADHI)

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