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DO NCBC Advice Nos. 25, 26, 27 MP/98

11. 08. 1998

Dear Shri Manavalan,

I am sending herewith the Advices of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993 for the Inclusion of

- (1) Agharia
(2) Kalaigar
(3) Pemdi

castes/communities in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act.

2. With these, Advices on 275 castes, sub-castes, synonyms etc. have been tendered to the Government by the Commission, after its reconstitution in 1997, of which 272 are still pending with the Government for Notification.

With Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely

(P.S. KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated.

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

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

MADHYA PRADESH BENCH

FINDINGS

CASE : REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF "AGHARIA" IN THE CENTRAL LIST OF BACKWARD CLASSES FOR MADHYA PRADESH.

PER SHRI SAHU AKSHAYA BHAI, MEMBER

I. REQUEST

This case arises out of the Request received from the President, Akhil Bhartiya Agharia Samaj, Raigarh(M.P.) for the inclusion of "Agharia" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh. 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 "Agharia" 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, Deputy Director of State Backward Classes Commission and Shri M.L. Khanna, Asstt. Director and Shri S.P. Tewari, Research Officer of the Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. The community was represented by Shri Giradhari Lal Patel, President, Akhil Bhartiya Agharia Samaj, Raigarh(M.P.)

III. FACTS

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

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Member Secretary
Commission

(i) **MANDAL LIST**

Not included

(ii) **STATE LIST**

"62. Agharia"

The caste/community is not included in the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh, reason being that at the time of the preparation of 'Common List' in 1993 as the principle of commonality i.e. featuring of a particular caste/community in both the lists i.e. Mandal List and State List of Backward Classes was not fulfilled by Agharia. The caste/community did not feature in the Mandal List.

4. The information furnished in the NCBC's Questionnaire by the Akhil Bhartiya Agharia Samaj, Raigarh contains the following facts in support of their caste/community Agharia being socially backward.

- (i) The "Agharia" caste/community is regarded as socially backward.
- (ii) The caste/community is spread over throughout the state but main concentration districts are Raigarh, Bilaspur and Raipur. The approximate percentage of the caste/community population to the States population is stated to be 0.53%.
- (iii) The occupation on which the members of the caste/community mainly depend for livelihood is Agriculture and manual labour. Women as well as Children of the caste/community join the males in the work of agriculture/manual labour for supplementing the family income for livelihood.
- (iv) The caste/community is not engaged in any traditional craft in terms of caste system.
- (v) Merely 1% have been quoted to be in services i.e. Govt., Private and others employed as clerks, teachers, peons, lawyers, doctors, engineers etc. They are also doing menial jobs of cleaning utensils etc. in others houses and during off season of agricultural operations some percentage (2%) migrate to other places to do wage work.
- (vi) Two MLAs belong to the caste/community and there are 5 person representing in elected bodies like Zilla Parishad, Zila Panchayat etc.
- (vii) Literacy rate of the caste/community is reported to be only 5% as against the State's literacy rate of 44.2%. Data shows that the caste/community is very backward educationally. Female literacy is extremely low.

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(viii) Majority of population (appx. 99.5%) live in 'Kachcha' houses.

(ix) Their representation in Central/State services is negligible.

(x) Majority of the population of Agharia is residing in remote areas and totally dependent on small agriculture and wage labour. The caste/community has stated that they are backward in all respects i.e. socially, educationally, politically and economically.

(xi) 'Teli' and 'Kurmi' castes/communities are stated to be higher in caste hierarchy and stand included in the Central List of Backward Classes of Madhya Pradesh and as such they claim that they deserve to be included in the Central List of Backward Classes of the State.

5. R.V. Russel and Hira Lal in the book 'The Tribes and Castes of the Central Provinces of India' - vol. II, first pub. In 1916 and reprinted in 1993 by Asian Educational Services, New Delhi, refers the caste/community under consideration :-

Agharia (a corruption of Agaria, meaning one who came from Agra) - "A cultivating caste belonging to the Sambalpur District and adjoining States. They number 27,000 persons in the Raigarh and Sarangarh states and Bilaspur District of the Central Provinces, and are found also in some of the Chota Nagpur States transferred from Bengal....."(p. 8)

".....They have two sub divisions, the Bad or superior Agharias and the Chhote, Sarolia or sarwaria, the inferior or mixed Agharias. The latter are a cross between an Agharia and a Gaur(Ahir) women. The Bad Agharias will not eat with or even take water from the others. Further local sub divisions are now in course of formation, as the Ratanpuria, Phuljhar and Raigarhia or those living round Ratanpur, Phuljhar and Raigarh....."(p. 9)

"Originally consisting perhaps of a nucleus of immigrant Rajputs, the offspring of connections with inferior classes have been assimilated; while the story already quoted is probably intended to signify, after the usual Brahmanical fashion, that the pedigree of the Agharias at some period included a chamar."(p. 10)

R.V. Russel and Hira Lal in his book 'The Tribes and Castes of the Central Provinces of India', has also stated about 'Agaria' (a Scheduled Tribe community) as under :-

"Agaria - A small Dravidian caste, who are an off shoot of the Gond tribe. The Agarias have adopted the profession of iron-smelting and form a separate caste. They numbered 9500 persons in 1911 and live on the Maikal range in the Mandla, Raipur and Bilaspur Districts." (p...3)

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IV. It is found that the dead are usually burnt in "Agharia" caste/community as in other caste of Hindu Religion, while in "Agaria" community dead are buried. 'Agharia' employ Hindustani Brahmin for performing rituals/ceremonies while 'Agaria' have their own priest for this purpose.

Linguistically अघरिया and अगरिया are same words except of the difference of one letter "घ" in अघरिया and "ग" in case of अगरिया. "Agaria" is a Scheduled Tribe community and included in Scheduled Tribe list of Madhya Pradesh at Sl. No. 1.

On the basis of the above facts it is mentioned that 'Agharia' and 'Agaria' are two different caste/community in Madhya Pradesh.

6. During the Public Hearing the representatives of the community stated before the Bench that the "Agharia" caste/community is socially and educationally backward. In Madhya Pradesh Agharia is included in the State Backward Classes List. Therefore the representatives claimed "Agharia" should be added in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh as a separate entry.

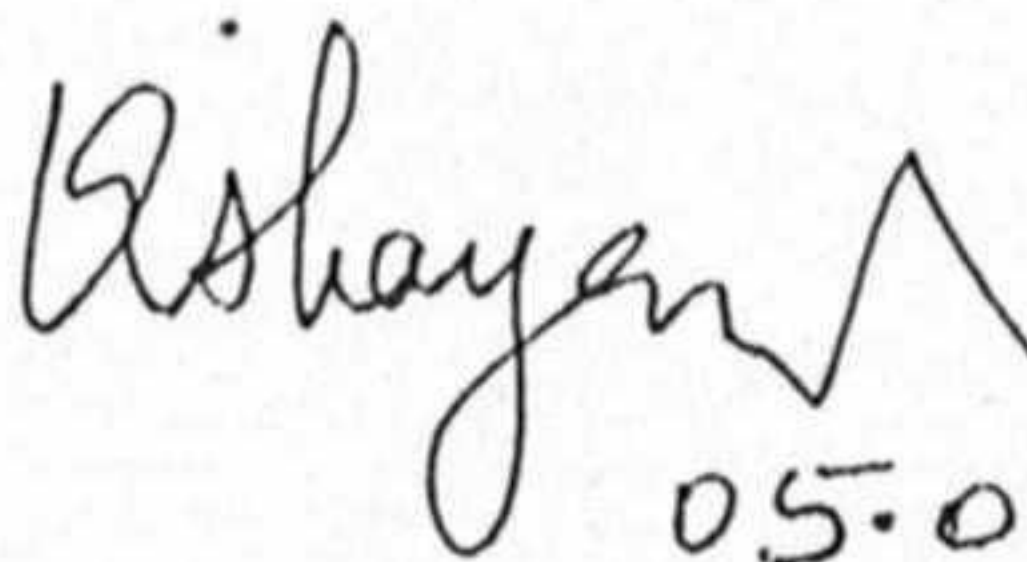
7. The representatives of the community and those present who were from different sections of society and state government representatives had no objection to the inclusion of the caste/community "Agharia" in the Central List of Backward Classes rather supported the request of inclusion.

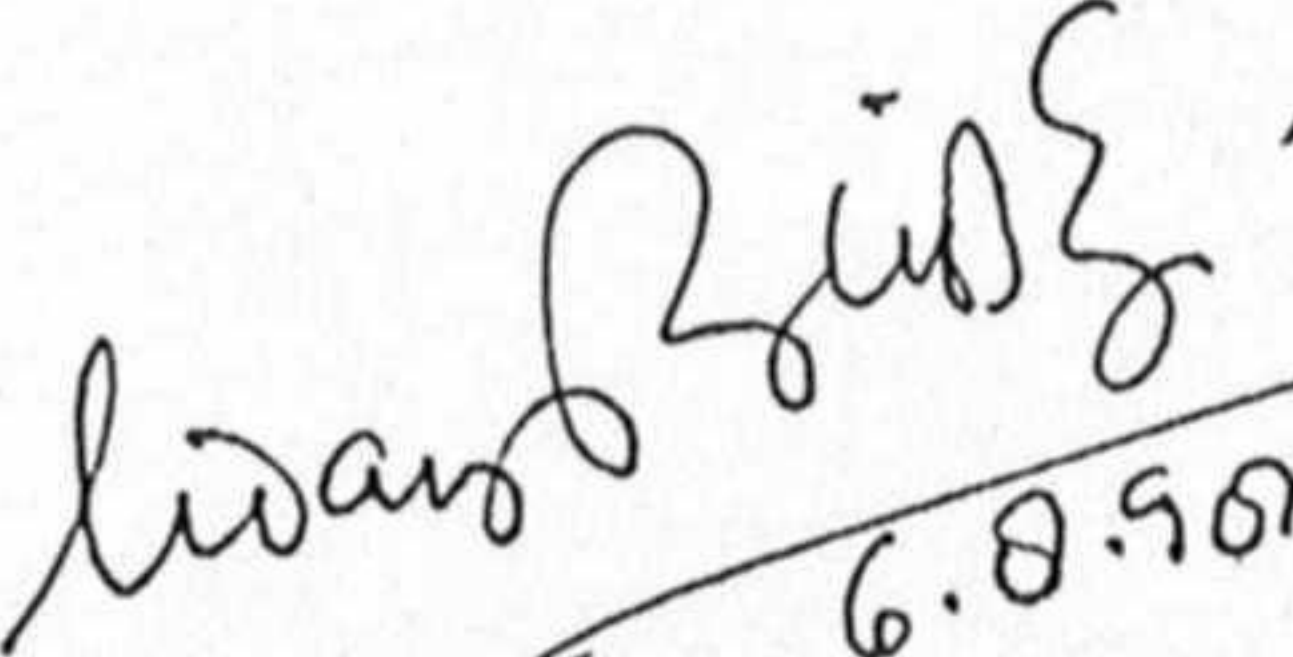
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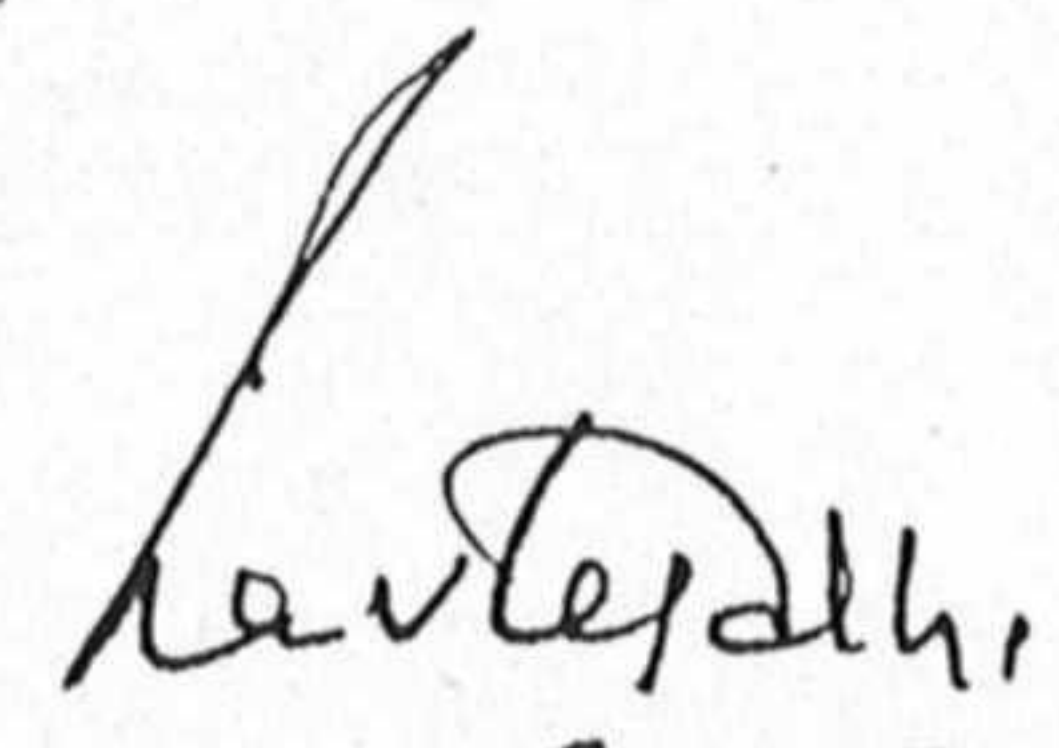
8. From the foregoing evidence the Bench includes that "Agharia" is a socially and educationally backward class/community and should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh as follows:-

"64. Agharia"

"64. अघरिया"


05.08.98
(SAHU AKSHAYA BHAI)


6.8.98
(U.P. SINGH)


6.8.98
(NAVTEJ PUADHI)

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Member, Commission

IV. BC A ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION

9. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the Findings of the Madhya Pradesh Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government under section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993, for action by the Central Govt. under section 9(2) of the Act :-

"Agharia" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh as a new entry at Sl. No. 64 as under :-

"64. Agharia"

"64. अघरिया "

Madan Mohan Singh
6.8.98

Rohayan
06.08.98

Madan Mohan Singh
6.8.98

P. S. Krishnan

7.8.98

P. K. Singh
10.8.98

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P. S. Krishnan

P. S. KRISHNAN
Member Secretary
National Commission
for Backward Classes

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

MADHYA PRADESH BENCH

FINDINGS

CASE :

REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF "KALAIGAR" IN THE CENTRAL LIST OF BACKWARD CLASSES FOR MADHYA PRADESH

PER SHRI SAHU AKSHAYA BHAI, MEMBER

I. REQUEST

This case arises out of the Request received from the President, Federation Muslim Backward Classes, Bhopal(M.P.) and M.P. Muslim Pichhara Varg Vikas Parishad, Bhopal(M.P.) for the inclusion of "Kalaigar" caste/community 'in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh. They have not 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 4.6.98 to examine the Request for inclusion of "Kalaigar" 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, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. The community was represented by Shri Amir Khokar and Mohd. Ibrahim Qureshi, Bhopal(M.P.).

III. FACTS

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

Mandal List

This caste/community is not included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh.

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Secretary

State List"87(24). Kalaigar"

The caste/community is not included in the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh, reason being that at the time of the preparation of 'Common List' in 1993 as the principle of commonality i.e. featuring of a particular caste/community in both the lists i.e. Mandal List and State List of Backward Classes was not fulfilled by Kalaigar. The caste/community did not feature in the Mandal List.

4. H.H. Risley in the book "The Tribes & Castes of Bengal" pub. Firma Mukhopadhyay Calcutta, 1981 has stated :- "Kalaigar, Tinman, a profession followed mostly by Mahomedans". (vol. I, p. 383)

5. During the Public Hearing the representatives of community stated before the Bench that traditional occupation of "Kalaigar" caste/community is polishing the metal utensils, which is artisan job. Literacy rate of the caste/community is very low. Majority of population live in 'Kachcha houses'. Their representation in the State Govt. Services is negligible. Therefore, the caste/community is socially & educationally backward and should be added in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh.

The representatives of the community and those present who were from different sections of society and state govt. not only did not object to the Request, but also support it.

IV. FINDINGS

6. From the above evidence the bench concludes that "Kaliagar" is a socially and educationally backward caste/community and it should be included under Islamic Group in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh as follows:-

"59(21). Kalaigar"

'५९(२१) कलईगर'

(SAHU AKSHAYA BHAI)

(U.P. SINGH)

(NAVTEJ PUADHI)

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V.

ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION

7. The Commission considered and agreed in full with Findings of the Madhya Pradesh Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government as per section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993, for action by the Central Govt. under section 9(2) of the Act:-

"Kalaigar" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh as a new entry at Sl.No. 59(21) as under:-

"59(21). Kalaigar"
'५९(२१) कलईगर'

Bhayan
05.08.98

Swamishetti
6.8.98

Karstapalli
6.8.98

P. S. Krishnan
7.8.98

P. V. Narayana Murthy
10/8/98

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Member Secretary
National Commission
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FINDINGS

CASE : REQUEST FOR INCLUSION OF "PEMDI" IN THE CENTRAL LIST OF BACKWARD CLASSES FOR MADHYA PRADEH.

PER SHRI SAHU AKSHAYA BHAI, MEMBER

I. REQUEST

This case arises from the Request received from the President, Federation Muslim Backward Classes, Bhopal(M.P.) and M.P. Muslim Pichhara Varg Vikas Parishad, Bhopal(M.P.) for the inclusion of "Pemdi" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh. They have not 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 4.6.98 to examine the Request for inclusion of "Pemdi" 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 State Backward Classes Commission and Shri M.L. Khanna, Asstt. Director and Shri S.P. Tewari, Research Officer of Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare. The community was represented by Shri Abdul Qayyum and Mohd. Ibrahim Qureshi, Bhopal(M.P.)

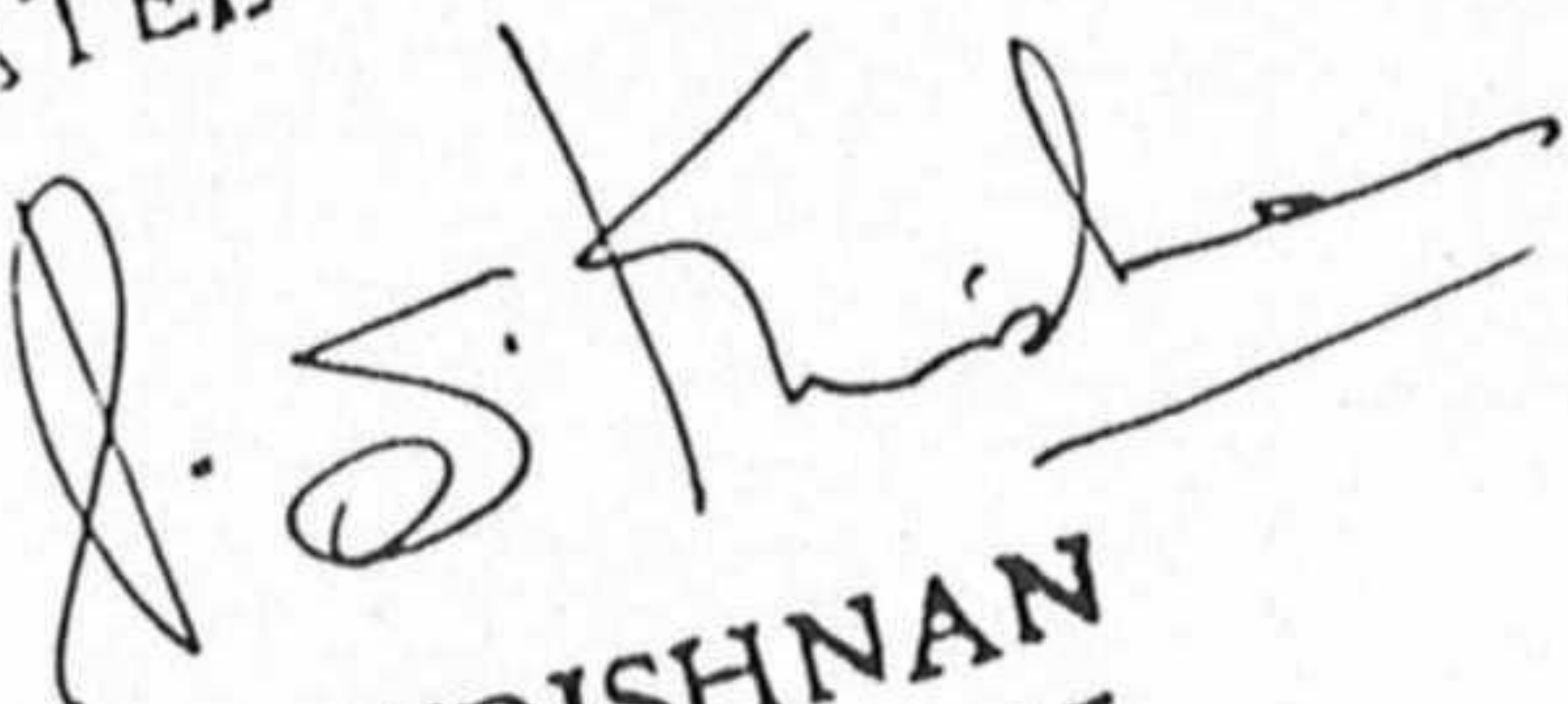
III. FACTS

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

Mandal List

Not included

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State List

"87(23) Pemdi"

The caste/community is not included in the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh, reason being that at the time of the preparation of 'Common List' in 1993 on the principle of commonality i.e. featuring of a particular caste/community in both the lists i.e. Mandal List and State List of Backward Classes was not fulfilled by Pemdi. The caste/community did not feature in the Mandal List.

4. During the Public Hearing the representatives of community stated before the Bench that traditional occupation of "Pemdi" is grafting of plants by going door to door. Literacy rate of the caste/community is very low. Majority of population live in 'Kachcha' houses. Their representation in the state services is negligible. Therefore, this caste/community is Socially, Educationally & Economically backward and should be added under Islamic Group in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh.

5. The representatives of the community and those present who were from different sections of society and state govt. not only did not object to the Request, but also support it.

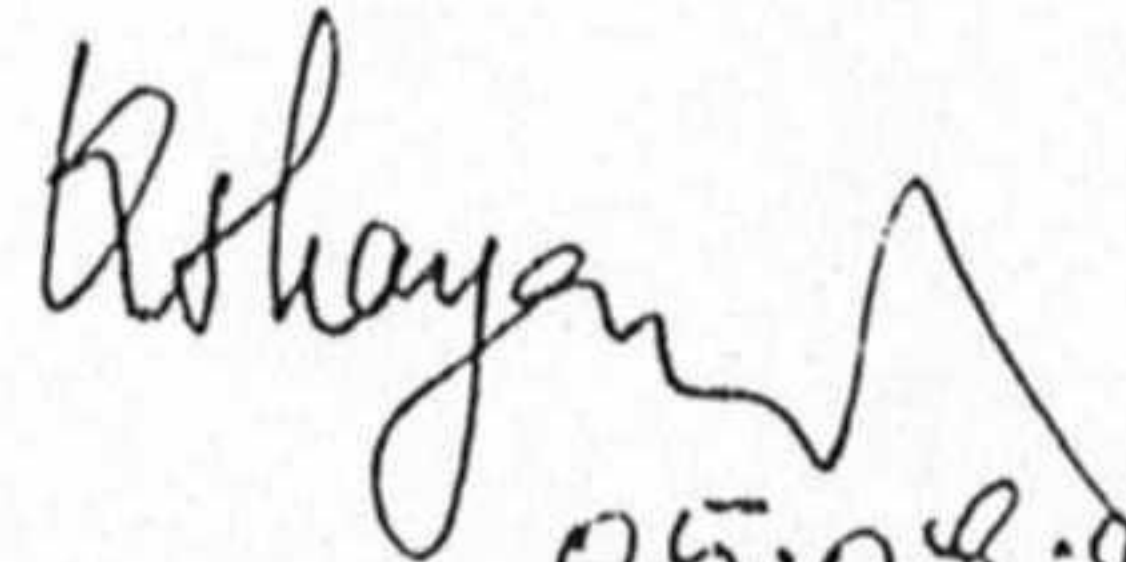
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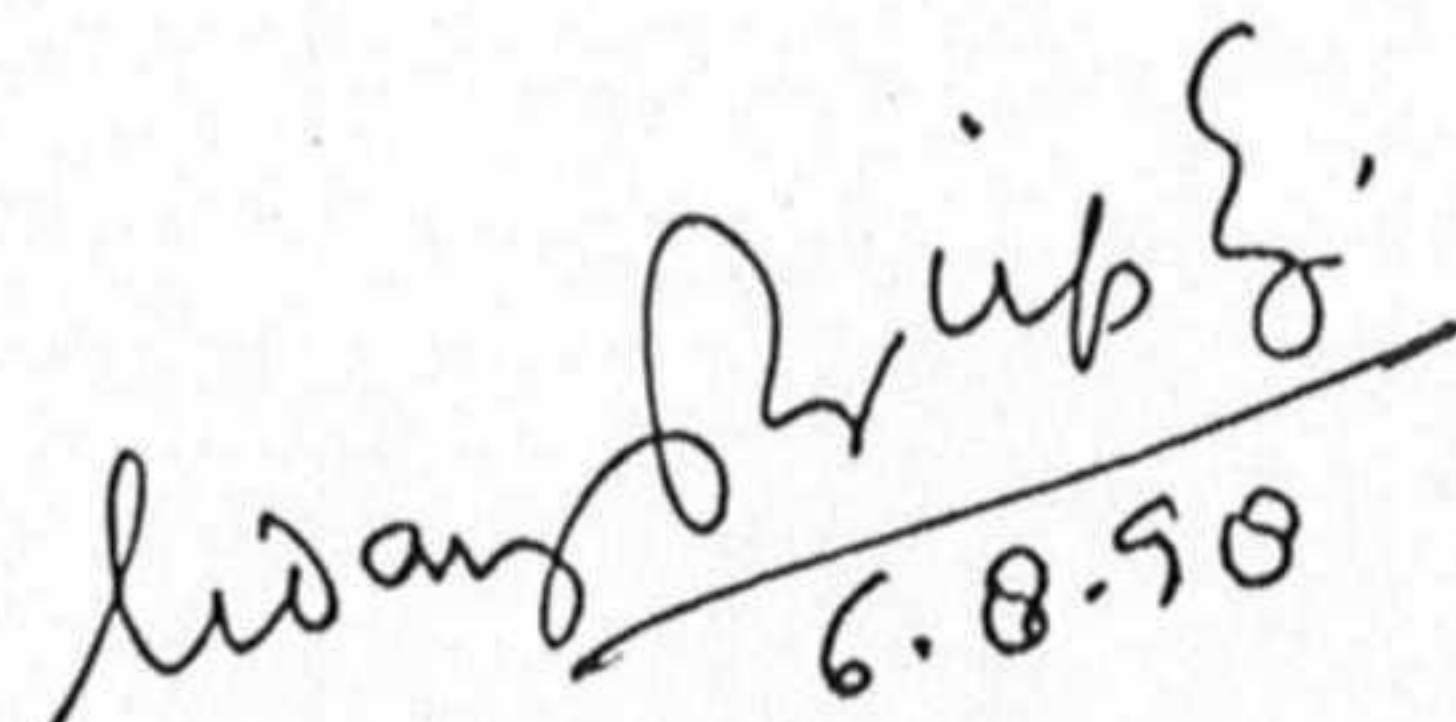
FINDINGS

6. From the above evidence the bench concludes that "Pemdi" is a socially and also educationally backward caste/community and should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh as follows:-

"59(22) Pemdi"

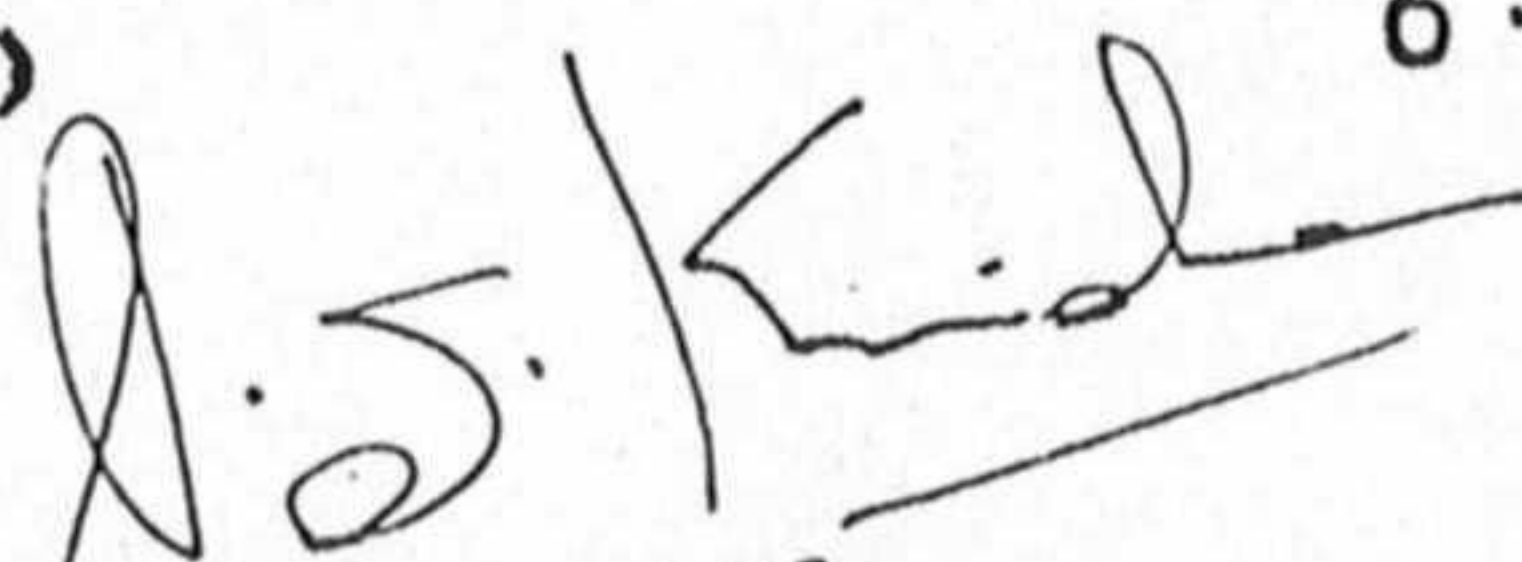
"59(22) पेमदी"


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(SAHU AKSHAYA BHAI)


6.8.98
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(NAVTEJ PUADHI)
6.8.98

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ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION

7. The Commission considered and agreed in full with Findings of the Madhya Pradesh Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government as per section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993, for action by the Central Govt. under section 9(2) of the Act:-

"Pemdi" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh as a new entry at *Sl.No. 59(22)* as under:-

"59(22). Pemdi"
"59(22) पेमदी"

Rshayen
05.08.98

Madan Mohan
6.8.98

Sanjay Chandra
6.8.98

P. S. Krishnan
7.8.98

A. C. Srinivasan
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