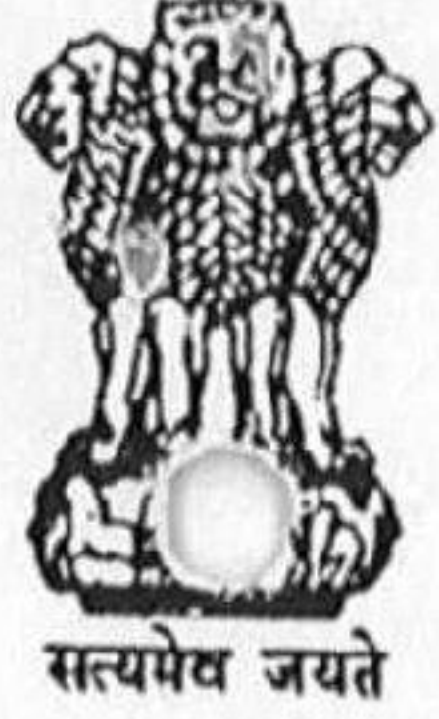




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Member Secretary

National Commission for Backward Classes

Government of India

Trikoot - 1, Bhikaiji Cama Place, New Delhi - 110 066

NCBC Advice No. Bihar/34-35 /2002

04-07-2002

Dear Shri Reddy,

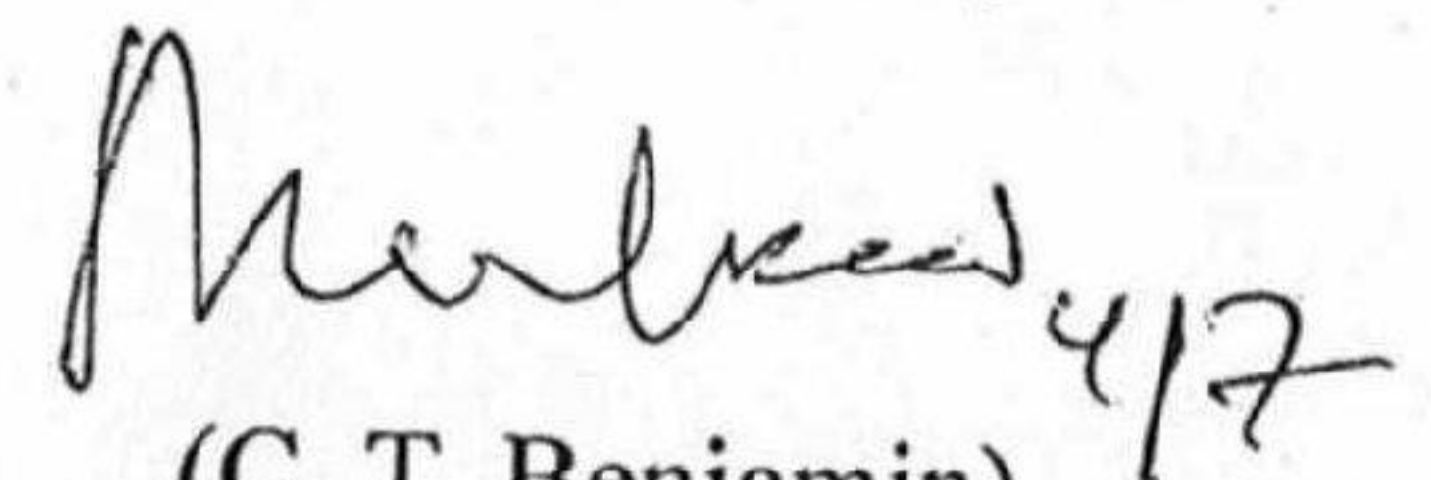
I am sending herewith the advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9(1) of the National Commission for Backward Classes Act (1993), for inclusion of

- (1) "Sadgope" as a synonym of "Yadav", and
- (2) "Saikalgar (Sikligar) (Muslim)"

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.

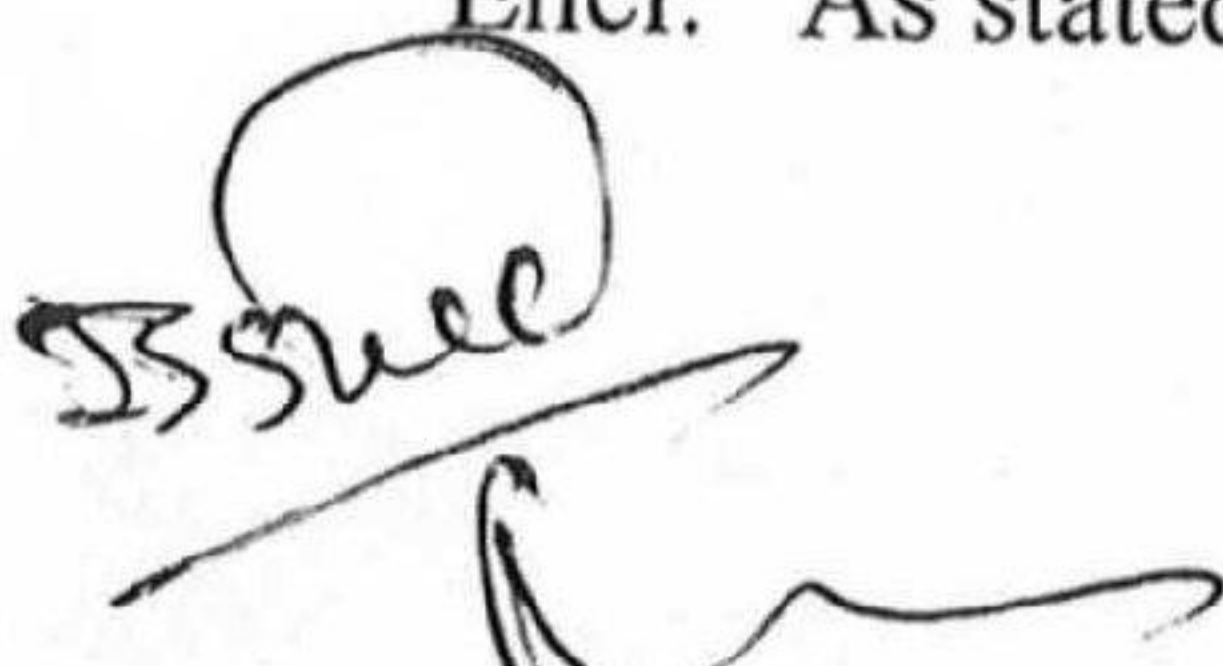
With regards,

Yours sincerely


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Secretary to Government of India
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Encl: As stated.


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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Bihar Bench

FINDINGS

Case :- Request for inclusion of "Sadgope" as a synonym of "Yadav" caste/ community in the central list of backward classes for Bihar.

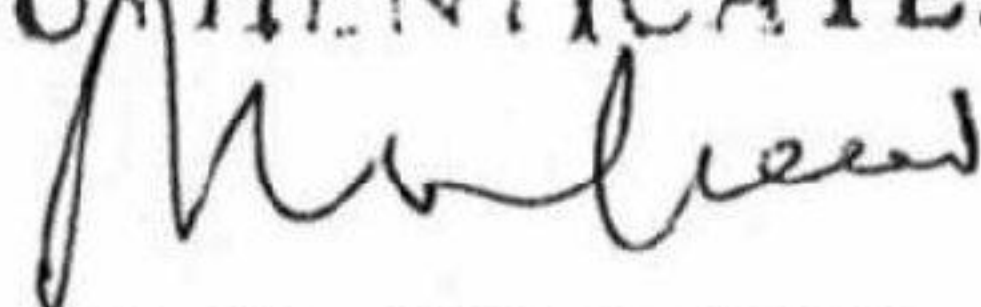
I. Request

1. This case arises from the Request received in this Commission from Shri Prahlad Kumar Sarkar, General Secretary, Akhil Bhartiya Sadgope Samity and Senior Worker, Adkhil Bharitya Yadav Mahasabha, Kishanganj, Bihar for inclusion of "Sadgope" as a synonym of "Yadav" caste/community in the central list of backward classes for Bihar.

II. Public Hearing

2. The Three-Member Bench of the Commission, consisting of Shri M.S. Matharoo, Dr. B.M. Das and Smt. Neera Shastri, Hon'ble Members of the National Commission for Backward Classes held a Public Hearing at Patna on 12.10.2001 to examine this request for inclusion in the central list of backward classes for Bihar. At the Public Hearing the State Government was represented by Shri Dwarika Prasad, Member-Secretary and Shri Bhim Singh, Member of the Bihar State Backward Classes Commission and Shri M.P. Paswan, Deputy Secretary, Department of Welfare, Shri K.B. Das, Deputy Secretary and other officers from the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms. The

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caste/community was represented by Shri Amar Nath Das, Vice President, Shri Prahlad Sarkar, General Secretary, Shri Ramanand Prasad Das and Shri Goutam Kumar Das, Members of the Sadgope Samity, Kishanganj, Bihar.

III. Facts

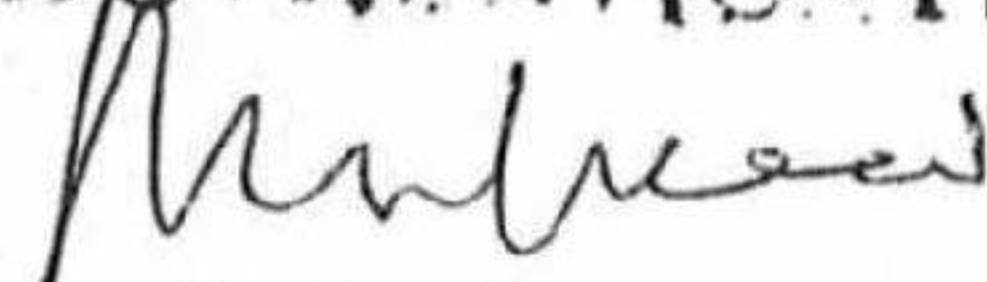
3. The caste/community was not included either in the Mandal list or the State list of backward classes and therefore, it could not find place in the first-phase central list of backward classes for Bihar issued on 13.9.1993 on the principle of commonality (i.e. by inclusion in the central list for each State of castes/communities which were found commonly included in the respective State Government's list for backward classes that existed at that time and Mandal Commission's list for that State). However, the State Government of Bihar vide their Resolution No. 11/V.2-P.B.A.-02/99 Da. 3 dated 9 January, 2001 included the "Sadgope" as a synonym of "Yadav" in the state list of backward classes as follows:-

"22. Yadav (Gwala, Ahir, Gora, Ghasim Mehar, Sadgope)"
(Annexure-II)

4. Shri Prahlad Kumar Sarkar, General Secretary, Akhil Bhartiya Sadgope Samity has stated that after incorporation of the "Sadgope" caste in the state list of backward classes for Bihar, they are availing the benefits of reservation in posts and services under the State Govt. but due to non-inclusion in the central list of backward classes for Bihar they are deprived of such benefits in the central Govt. posts and services. Therefore, he made a request for its inclusion in the central list of backward classes for Bihar.

5. At the public hearing Shri Prahlad Sarkar submitted the filled up NCBC's Questionnaire which mentions that 'Yadav' is their main caste and 'Sadgope' is a sub-caste of it. The 'Yadav' caste has other sub-castes/synonyms such as Ahir, Gope, Ghosi and Goala. Their population is about 5 lakhs mainly concentrated in

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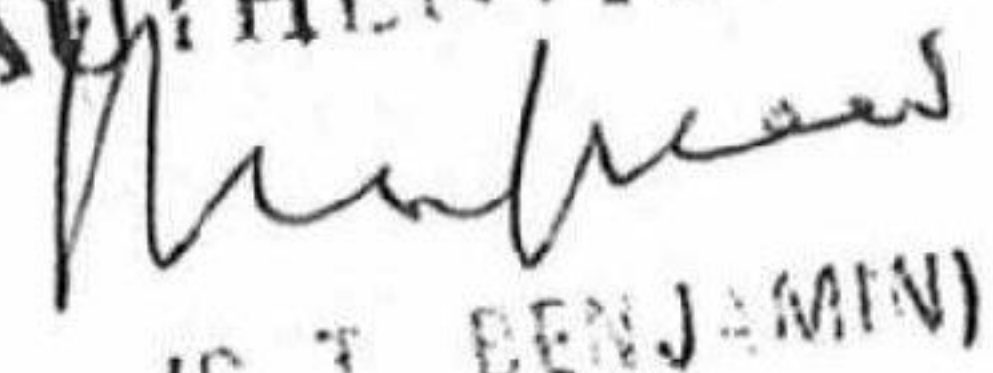
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Kishanganj, East Singhbhoom, Purnea, Katihar and Bhagalpur. The caste is stated to be generally regarded as socially backward. Their members mainly depend for livelihood on the occupations of "cultivation, milk production and agricultural labour". The manual labour is rendered both for wage and on own land. About 3 to 5 percent of their members are landholders with holdings of more than 50 percent of the statutory ceiling limit for agricultural lands in the State. They are also engaged in other occupations like private service such as compounder, dresser, tailor, salesman, ghee seller, etc. The children of the caste are also engaged in labour work to supplement their family's income. The caste, in terms of the caste system, is identified/linked with the traditional or hereditary occupation of "production of milk and milk products", which is still treated as undignified. 35 percent adult members of the caste are said to be engaged in their traditional/hereditary occupation.

6. Shri Prahlad Sarkar who was also present at the public hearing reproduced the facts mentioned in the filled up questionnaire submitted to the Bench. Besides, he submitted that there are 16 clans of Yadav caste out of which Sadgope is one and intermarriages among them are permitted. Gope and Sadgope are one and the same caste and only Gope is included in the central list. He further submitted that their literacy rate is very low and there is no MP, MLA or even a Panchayat Mukhiya. In response to a query raised by the Bench regarding their low literacy level, it was submitted that there may be high literacy rate in the urban areas but in rural areas it is very low and the main reason for it being that though schools are available but they are ill-equipped and ill-manned. In rural areas the girls are not sent to schools after the 3rd or 4th standard. These facts were also corroborated by the other members of the Samity present at the public hearing.

7. The State Commission for Backward Classes for Bihar made available a copy of the their Advice tendered to the State Government thereby recommending inclusion of 'Sadgope' as a synonym of 'Yadav' in the state list of OBCs. The State Commission observed that from the public hearing, local enquiry and

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available material in the document it is obvious that the 'Sadgope' is backward on the grounds their social, economic, educational status and their representation in the State Govt. services. Enquiry report and available documents reveal that the 'Sadgope' is a sub-caste of "Yadav" caste and therefore decided to recommend inclusion of 'Sadgope' as a sub-caste of 'Yadav' in the stat list of BCs.

8. K.S. Singh in his book, "India's Communities, Vol. VI" describes that in Bihar, the Yadav are also known as Ahir, Goala, Rai, Sar-gope, Gope.Selling of milk and milk products is their main occupation. Cultivation is another important source of income. Some are engaged in small business, trade and animal husbandry. There are a few landless among them who works as labourers or are in other services, including government jobs.....

The community has entrepreneurs, teachers and members in defence services.....

Their boys study up to graduate and postgraduate levels.

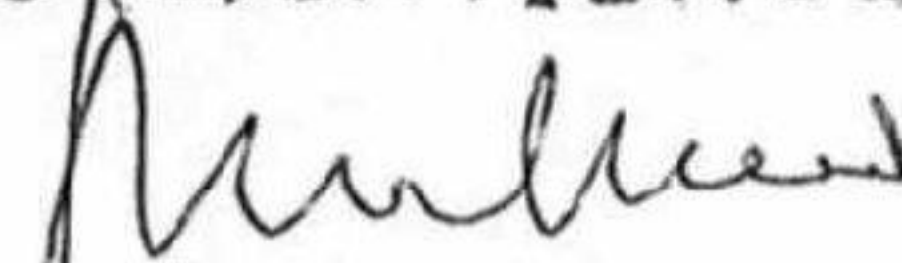
They are a politically conscious and dominant community.

9. During the public hearing the state Government representatives as well as those present did not object for their inclusion in the central list of backward classes for Bihar rather supported it.

Findings

10. From the material and evidences adverted hereinbefore, it emerges that "Sadgope" is a sub-caste of "Yadav" which is already included in the central list of backward classes for Bihar and are engaged in their traditional/hereditary occupation of "production and selling of milk and milk products". Their subsidiary occupation is agriculture and agriculture labour. The synonym of a

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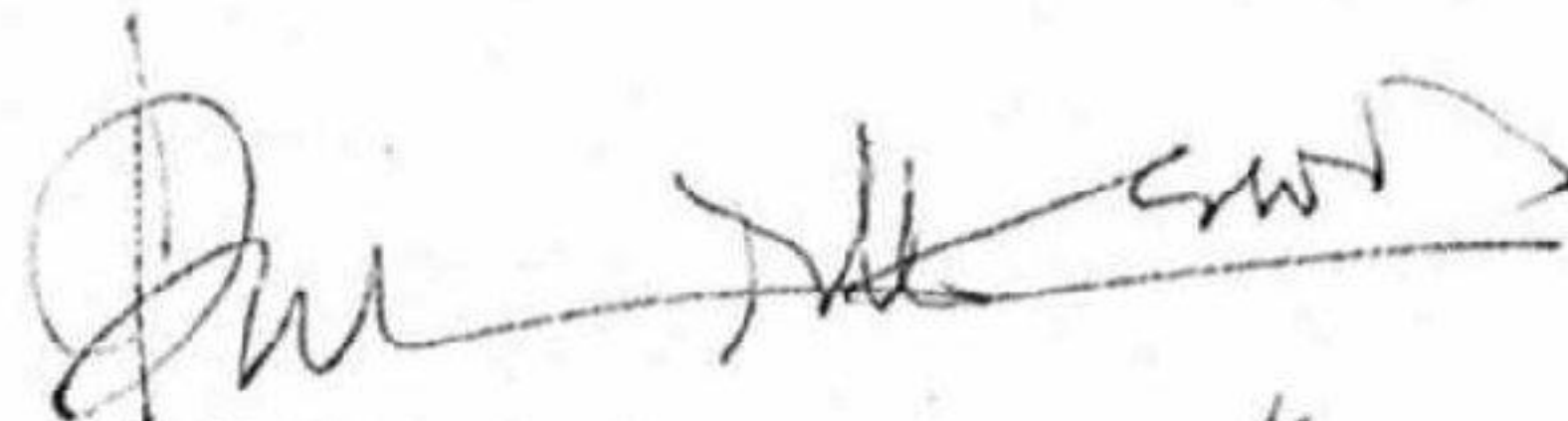
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caste, already exists in the central list of backward classes, together constitute a socially and educationally backward class. It is covered by para 9 of the Procedural Clarification on the NCBC's "Guidelines for consideration of requests for inclusion and complaints of under-inclusion in the central list of backward classes". Therefore, the 'Sadgope' should be included in the central lists of backward classes for Bihar as a synonym of "Yadav" at entry number 104 as follows:-

"104. Yadav (Gwala, Ahir, Ghasi, Gope, Sadgope)"



(M.S. Matharoo)



(Smt. Neera Shastri)



(B.M. Das)

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V. Advice of the Commission

11. The commission considered and agreed in full with the above findings of the Bihar 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 Government under section 9(2) of the Act.

The 'Sadgope' as a synonym of 'Yadav' be included in the central list of backward classes for Bihar at entry number 104 as follows:-

"104. Yadav (Gwala, Ahir, Ghasi, Gope, Sadgope)"

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