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Government of India
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NCBC Advice No. Madhya Pradesh 31/98

11.12.1998

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 "Mansoori" as a synonym of "Pinjara, Naddaf, Fakir/Faquir, Behna, Dhunia, Dhunkar" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh, duly authenticated, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act.

2. With this, Advices on 487(281 for Inclusion + 206 for Rejection) castes, sub-castes, synonyms etc. have been tendered to the Government by the Commission, after its reconstitution in 1997, of which 481 (275 for Inclusion + 206 for Rejection) are still pending with the Government for Notification.

Yours sincerely

(P.S. KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated.

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Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
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NEW DELHI

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National Commission For Backward Classes

Madhya Pradesh Bench

(FINDINGS)

Case: Request for inclusion of "Mansoori" caste/community as a synonym of "Pinjara, Naddaf, Fakir/Faqir, Behna, Dhunia, Dhunkar" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh.

Per Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai, Member

I. Request

1. This case arises out of the Request received in this Commission for inclusion of "Mansoori" as a synonyms of Pinjara, Naddaf Fakir/Faqir, Behna, Dhunia, Dhankar in the Central list of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh from the following:

- i) Shri Ibrahim Qureshi
President
M.P. Beckward Classes Welfare Council
Bhopal
- ii) Shri Abdul Salam Mansoori
Secretary
M.P. Mansoori Multi Welfare Society
Bhopal


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- iii) Shri Ilyas Mansoori
State Co-president
M.P. Mansoori (Naddaf) Samaj Sangathan
Bhopal

II. Public Hearing

2. The three-member Madhya Pradesh Bench of the Commission consisting of Hon'ble Members, S / Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai, U. P. Singh and Navtej Puadi held a Public Hearing at Bhopal on 4.6.98 in respect of this Request. At the Public Hearing the State Government was represented by Shri A.L. Naharia Secretary, State Backward Classes Commission and Shri S.P. Tewari R.O. of State Backward Classes Commission. The caste / community was represented by Shri Ilyas Mansoori and Shri M.A. Mansoori.

III. Facts

3. The relevant entries in respect of the caste / community in different lists are as follows:

i) Mandal List

"37 Behna, Pinjara, Dhunia"

"91 Dhunia, Naddaf"--

"92 Dhunkar, Kadore"

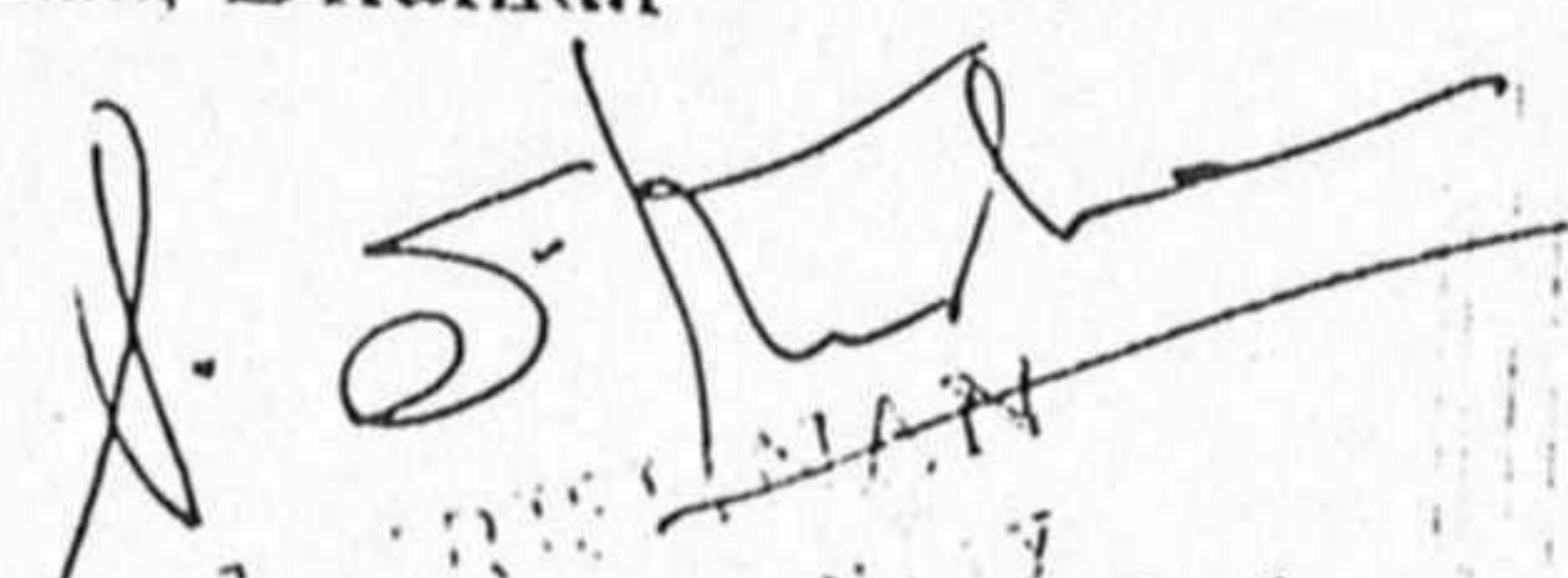
"93 Fakir, Faqir, Sain"

"228 Pinjara"

ii) State List

"87 (8) Pinjara, Naddaf, Fakir, Behna, Dhunia, Dhunkar"

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iii) Central List

"59(8) Pinjara, Naddaf, Fakir/Faquir, Behna, Dhunia, Dhunkar"

4. During the Public Hearing the representatives of Community stated before the Bench that occupation of 'Mansoori' caste /community is carding of cotton and making of quilt etc; and 'Mansoori' as a synonym of Naddaf and Dhunia has already been included in the Central List of B Cs for Uttar Pradesh therefore 'Mansoori' should be included in the Central List of BCs of Madhya Pradesh as a synonym of Pinjara, Naddaf, Fakir/ Faquir, Behna, Dhunia Dhunkar.

5. The following points emerged from the scrutiny of the filled in questionnaire received from Shri Ilyas Mansoori, President , M. P. Mansoori Samaj Sangathan, Bhopal:

i)The caste/ community is also known by other names such as Pinjara , Behna, Dhunia, Dhunkar, and Naddaf.

ii)Occupation of "Mansoori" caste /community is carding of cotton and making of quilt etc;

iii)The population of the caste/ community is recorded as 5,00,000 spreading all over the state of Madhya Pradesh .

iv)Literacy Rate of the caste/ community is low

v) Majority of population live in kacha houses.

vi) Their representatives in the state government services is negligible.

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vii) Deterioration in the condition of the caste/community is mainly due to capitalistic mode of production . They are bound to work as laborers and many of them become unemployed.

viii) The social status of the caste/ community is shown as low in comparison to other Backward Classes, such as Momin, Julaha, and Teli.

Locally they are called by occupational names i.e; Pinjara, Dhunia, Dhunkar, Behna, Naddaf and Mansoori.

6. The caste/ community has already been included in the list of BCs for different states as follows:

Uttar Pradesh- i) "45. Naddaf(Dhunia) , Mansoori".

Gujarat - i) "19.Fakir, or Faqir (Muslim)

ii)"54.Pinjara, Ganchi ,Pinjara,Mansuri-Pinjara.

7. The prevalence of the name 'Mansoori' for this community has been attested as long back as 1896 by W. Crook in 'The tribes and Casts of North- western Province and Oudh', Calcutta, 1896 which has been reprinted as "The tribes and Castes of the North- Western India', Cosmo Publication, Delhi 1974. Under the entry "Dhunias, Dhunas"(Vol-II, pp.297 -301). Crook describes this community as the "Cotton Carding Castes" and traces its etymology to Hindi dhunna, "to card:" Sans. Dhu , "to agitate". R.V. Russell and Hiralal mentioned in their book ("The tribes and Castes of the Central Province of India" published by Macmillan and Co. Limited, London 1916 Vol-II, pp.69 to 76) about the Castes called Bahna, Pinjara, Dhunia appear to be used indifferently for the caste in this province. In the province under question which is essentially the same as the present Madhya Pradesh.

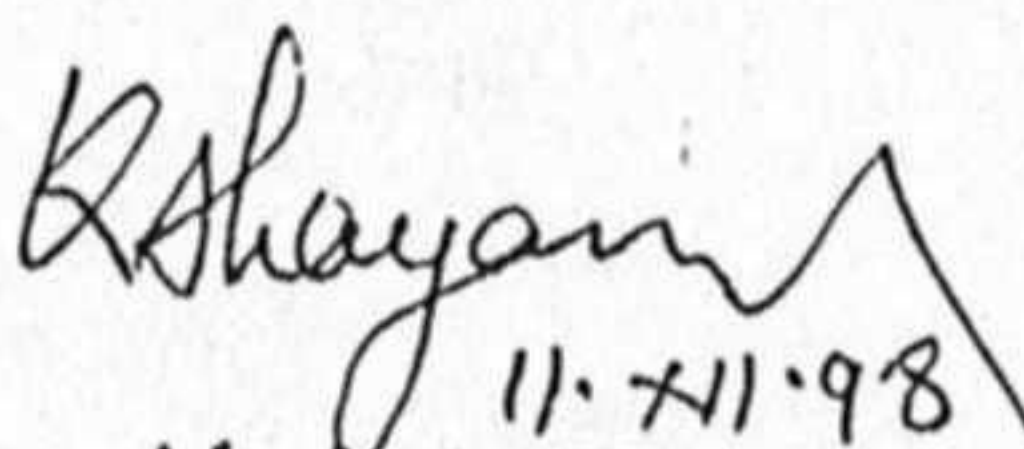
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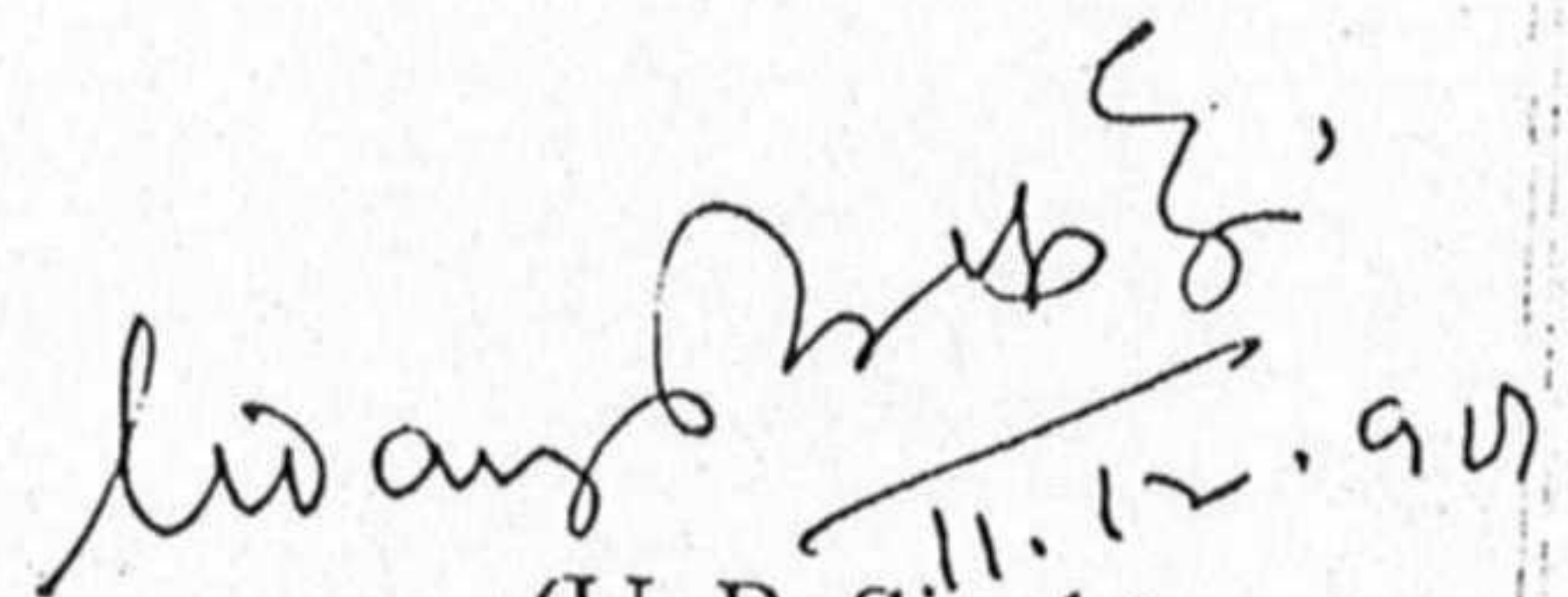
IV Findings

8. From the above facts and evidence the Bench conclude that "Mansoori" is socially and educationally backward caste/ community. The bench also found that "Mansoori" is a synonym of Pinjara, Naddaf, Fakir/Faquir, Behna, Dhunia, Dhunkar, and it has already been included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. Thus, "Mansoori" should be included as a synonym of Pinjara, Naddaf, Fakir/faquir, Benha, Dunia, Dhnnkar under the existing entry No 59(8) in the central list of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh as follows:

"59(8) Pinjara, Naddaf, Fakir / Faquir, Behna, Dhunia, Dhunkar, Mansoori"

As one of the Members of the Bench, Shri Navtej Puadhi unfortunately passed away on 16.8.1998, subsequent to the Public Hearing, the findings are signed only by two members, one of them is also the Co-ordinating Member of the Bench, but the findings represent the conclusion jointly arrived at by all the three Members.


(Sahu Akshya Bhai)
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(U.P. Singh)
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V. Advice of the Commission

9. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the Findings of the Madhya Pradesh Bench and decide to tender the following Advice to the Government as per Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993 for action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act; 'Mansoori' be added as a synonym of 'Pinjara, Naddaf, Behna, Dhunia and Dhunkar' and consequently entry no. 59(8) 'Pinjara, Naddaf, Fakir/ Faquir, Behna, Dunia, Dhunkar' in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh should read follows:-

"59(8) Pinjara, Naddaf, Fakir/Faquir, Behna, Dhunia, Dhunkar, Mansoori"

On account of the unfortunate demise of one of the Members Shri Navtej Puadhi on 16.8.1998 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.

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