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NCBC Advice No. Tamil Nadu 107/2000

10. 01. 2000

Dear Smt. Das,

I am sending herewith the Advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993 for the Inclusion of "Kallar Kula Thondaman" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Tamil Nadu, duly authenticated, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the NCBC Act.

Yours sincerely

(P.S. KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated

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NCBC ADVICE NO.107/TAMIL NADU/2000

**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES**

**TAMIL NADU BENCH**

**FINDINGS**

Per Shri P.K.Shyamsundar, Chairperson

Case : Request for inclusion of "Kallar Kula Thondaman" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Tamil Nadu

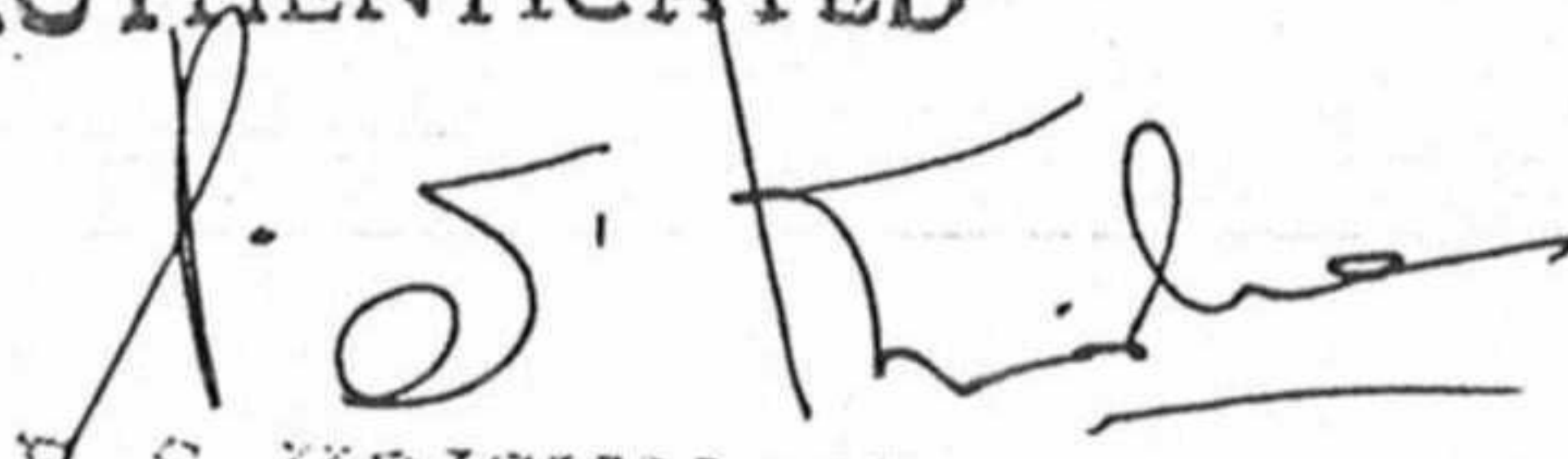
**I Request**

This case arises from the Request received in this Commission from the State Government of Tamil Nadu for inclusion of "Kallar Kula Thondaman" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Tamil Nadu.

**II Public Hearing**

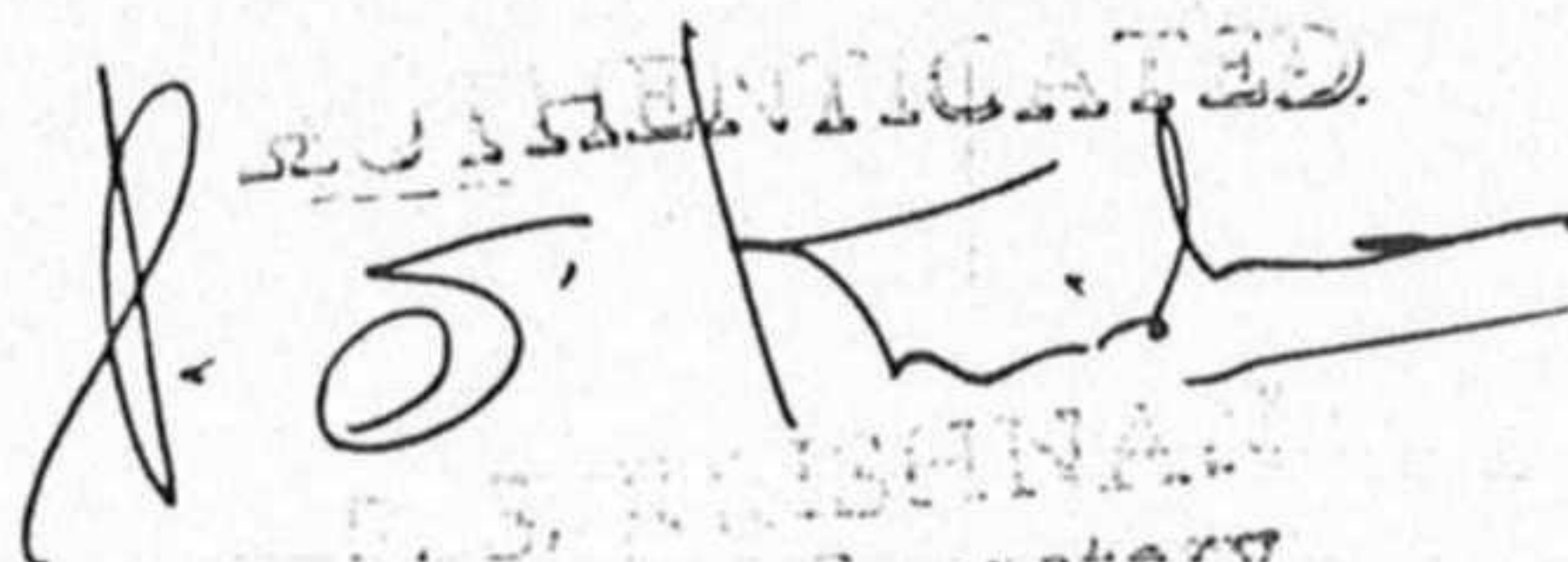
2. The three-Member Tamil Nadu Bench of the Commission consisting of Hon'ble Justice P.K.Shyamsundar, Chairperson, Prof. U.P.Singh, Hon'ble Member and Shri M.S.Matharoo, Hon'ble Member held a Public Hearing at Chennai on 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1999. At the Public Hearing the State Government was represented by Shri N.Murugan, Secretary, Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes Welfare Department, Shri R.S.Kannan, Director, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities and other officers of the Backward Classes Welfare Department. No member or representative of these castes/communities appeared before the Bench during the Public Hearing.

**AUTHENTICATED**

  
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Member Secretary  
National Commission  
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### III Facts

3. "Kallar Kula Thondaman" caste/community is included in the State List of Backward Classes for Tamil Nadu but it is not included in the Mandal List of Backward Classes for Tamil Nadu. Therefore, it was not included in the first phase of Central List of Backward Classes for Tamil Nadu as it did not fulfill the criteria of Principle of commonality i.e. being in the State List as well as in the Mandal List.
4. The State Government of Tamil Nadu has made a request inter-alia to include caste/community 'Kallar Kula Thondaman' in the Central List of Backward Classes. It has been stated in the Questionnaire that Kallar Kula Thondaman is the name of the main community and are generally regarded as socially backward. The population of the community in the state is 1400. This community was included in the State List of BCs of Tamil Nadu vide G.O.Ms.No.1564,SWD, dated 30-7-1985. The caste/community mainly depends on manual labour. The percentage of households living in katcha houses, households taking subsistence loans for living, dropout from schools and illiteracy is more than that of the State average. The percentage of members of the caste/community who have passed 10<sup>th</sup> standard or its equivalent/Higher Secondary is less than that of the State Average. The percentage(approximately) of the families of the caste/community in the State living in kachha house is 66.67%.
- 5.. During the Public Hearing, the State Government stated that the caste/community 'Kallar Kula Thondman' is generally regarded as socially backward. Their traditional occupation is selling of lime stone etc. The members of the caste/community mainly depend upon manual labour for their livelihood.
6. In the book "People of India, National Series Vol.V,India's Communities" General Editor K.S.Singh, Anthropological Survey of India, Oxford University

  
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press, Delhi, Calcutta, Chennai, Mumbai, 1998, describes the caste/community 'Kallarkula Tondaman' as under:

"Kallar Kula Tondaman – This community is distributed in the Tirunelveli, Chidambaranar, Madurai, Ramanathapuram, Kamaraj, P.M. Tevar and Pudukkottai districts of Tamil Nadu. Originally, they belonged to the Kallar community, who took up lime-burning and considered Tondaman their leader. They use Tondaman, Servai and Tevar as their titles. Their mother tongue is Tamil and they use the same script. They are non-vegetarian who take pork and rice, millet and ragi form their staple cereals. The Kallar Kula Tondaman are an endogamous group. They marry cross-cousins and marriage with one's sister daughter is permitted. Adult marriage is practised and a thali or pendant is the marriage symbol. Divorce and widow remarriage are not allowed among them, but sororate and widower remarriage are permitted. They follow the rules of patrilocal residence and patrilineal descent. The property is divided among the sons and the eldest son succeeds to his father's authority.

The Kallar Kula Tondaman purchase big lime stones from the nearby quarry and after breaking them into small pieces mix them with charcoal which is then burnt in the kiln. They sell burnt lime, stones and lime-powder in the market for cash. Some of them also pursue agriculture as a means of livelihood."

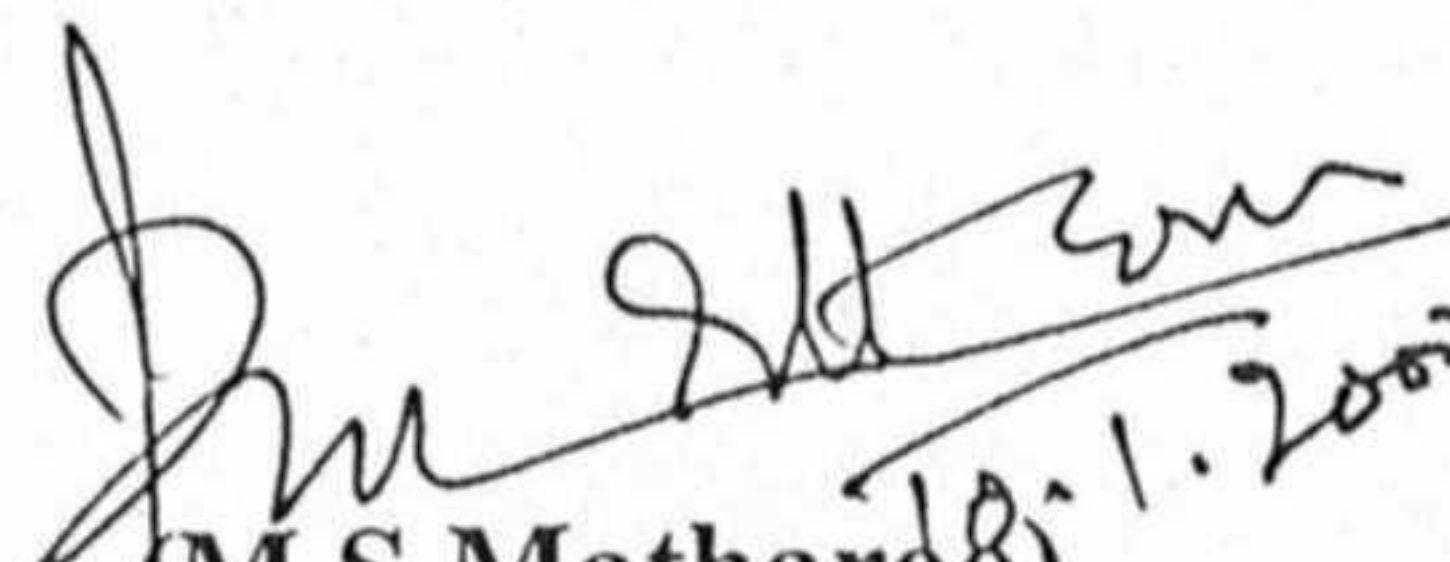
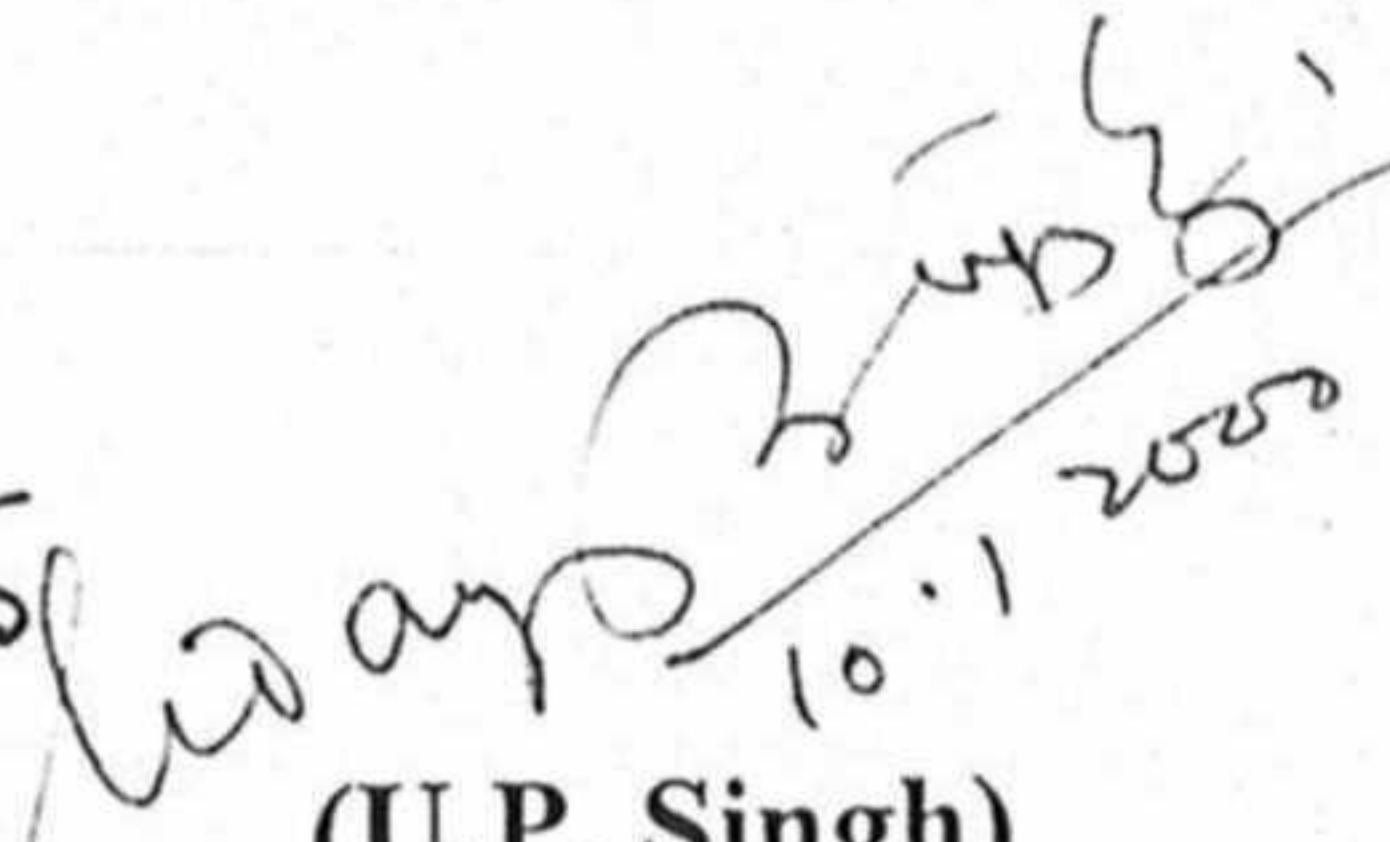
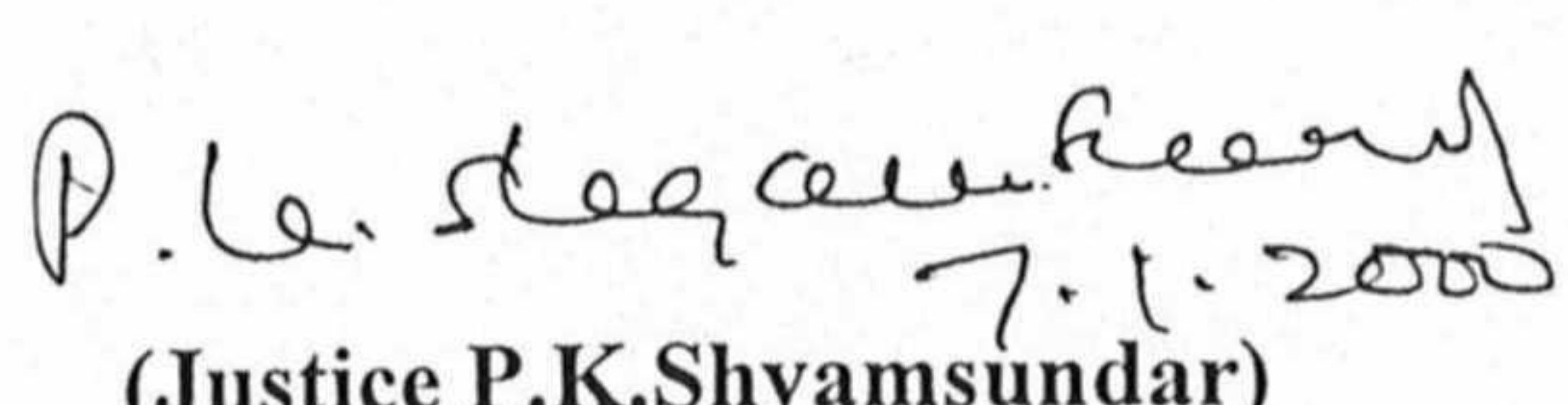
#### IV Findings

7. From the above facts and material the Bench finds that the "Kallar Kula Thondaman" caste/community whose traditional occupation is making burnt lime/lime powder from lime stone, is socially backward. The community thus falls under the "Fast Track" category being covered under item 2(e) – A-Social of the NCBC's "Guidelines for consideration of Requests for Inclusion and Complaints of Under inclusion in the Central List of Backward Classes and Para 7 of the "Procedural Clarification on Guidelines". Therefore, "Kallar Kula

ACKNOWLEDGED  
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Thondaman" should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Pondicherry at new entry No.179 as under:

**"179.Kallar Kula Thondaman"**

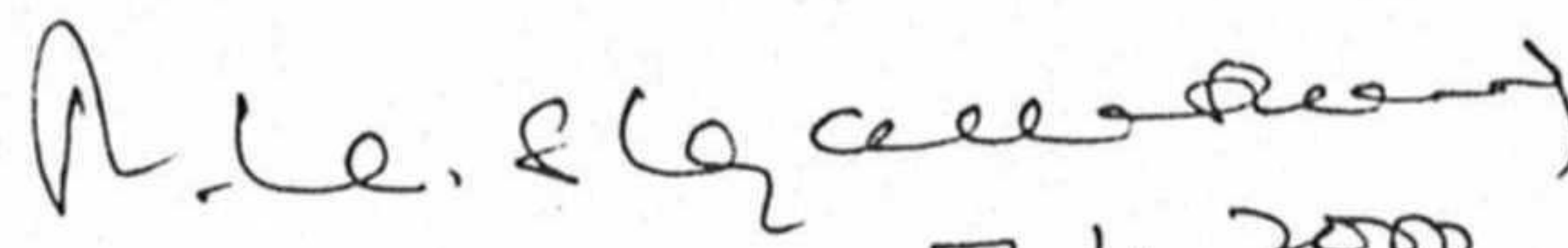
  
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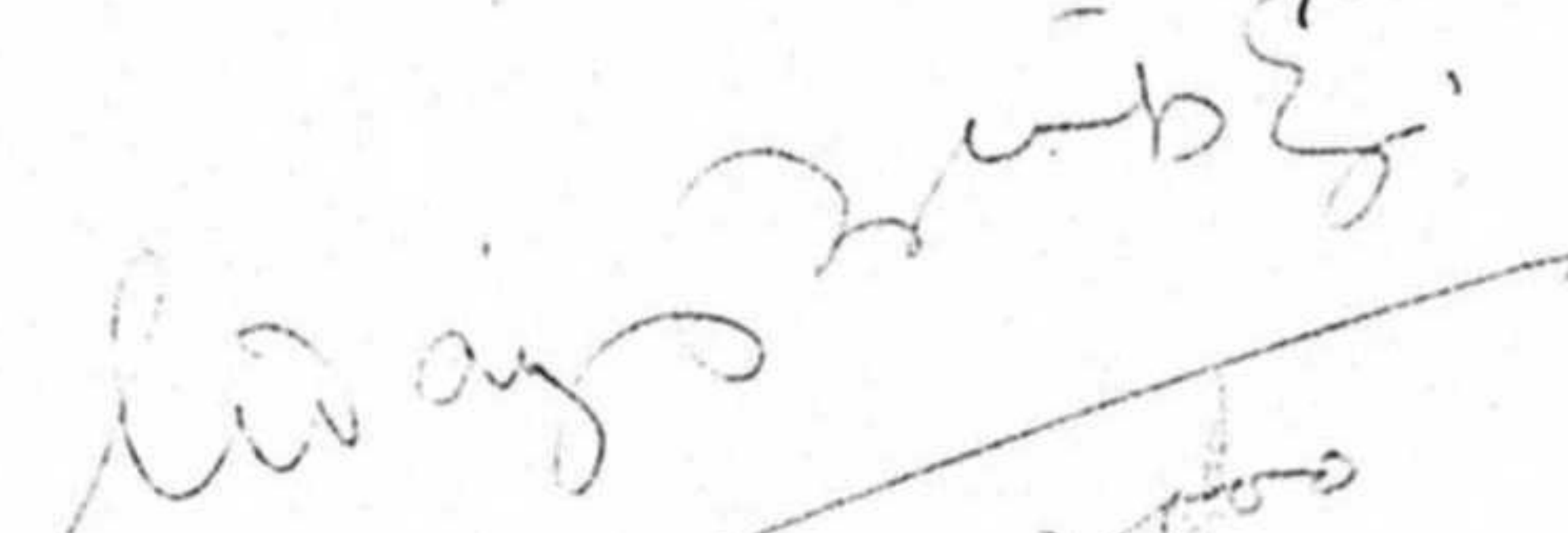
**III. Advice of the Commission**

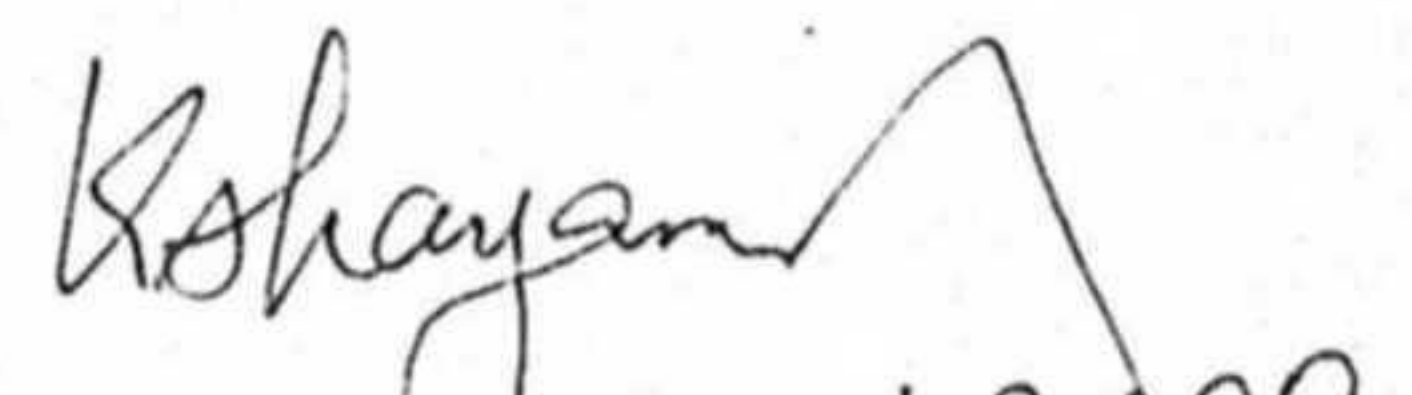
2. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the above Findings of the Tamil Nadu Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993 for action by the Central Govt. under Section 9(2) of the Act:-

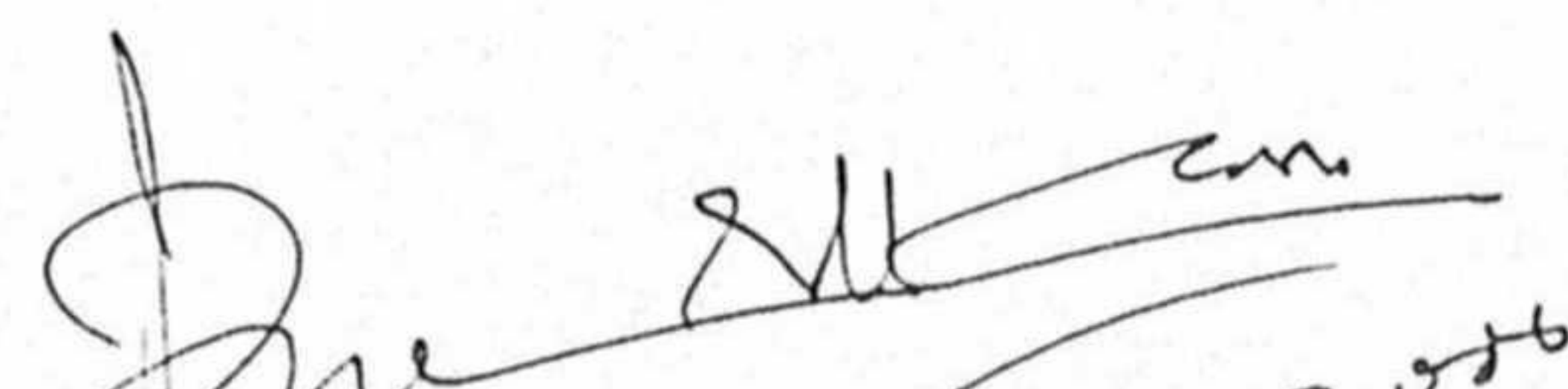
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**"179.Kallar Kula Thondaman"**

  
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