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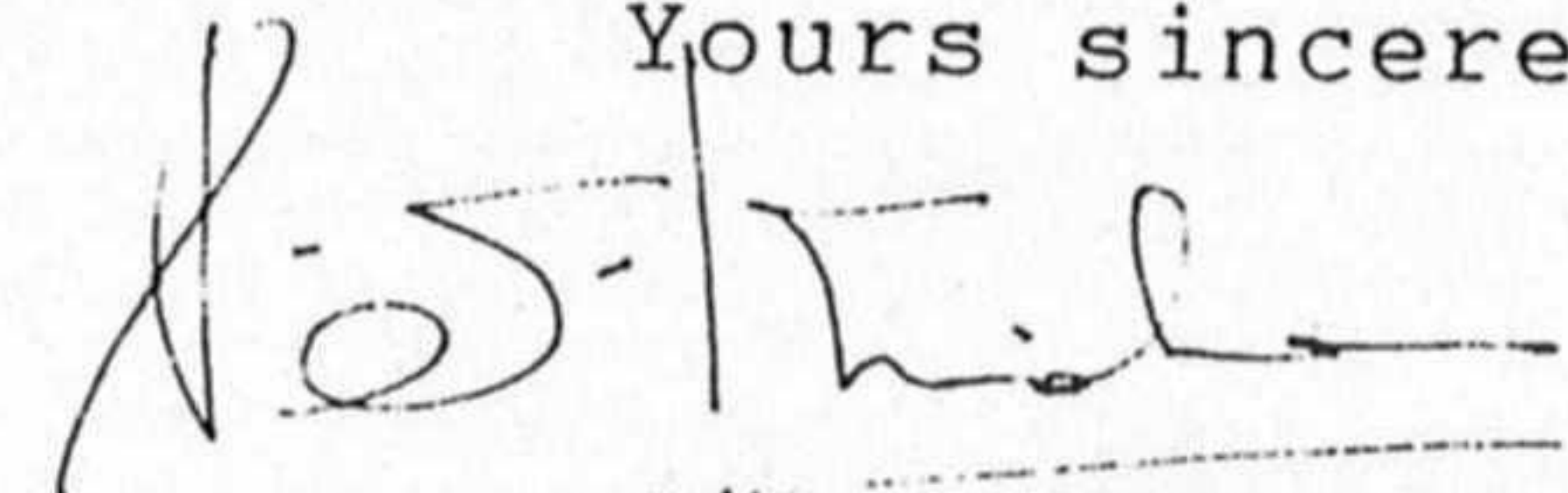
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Dear Shri Manavalan,

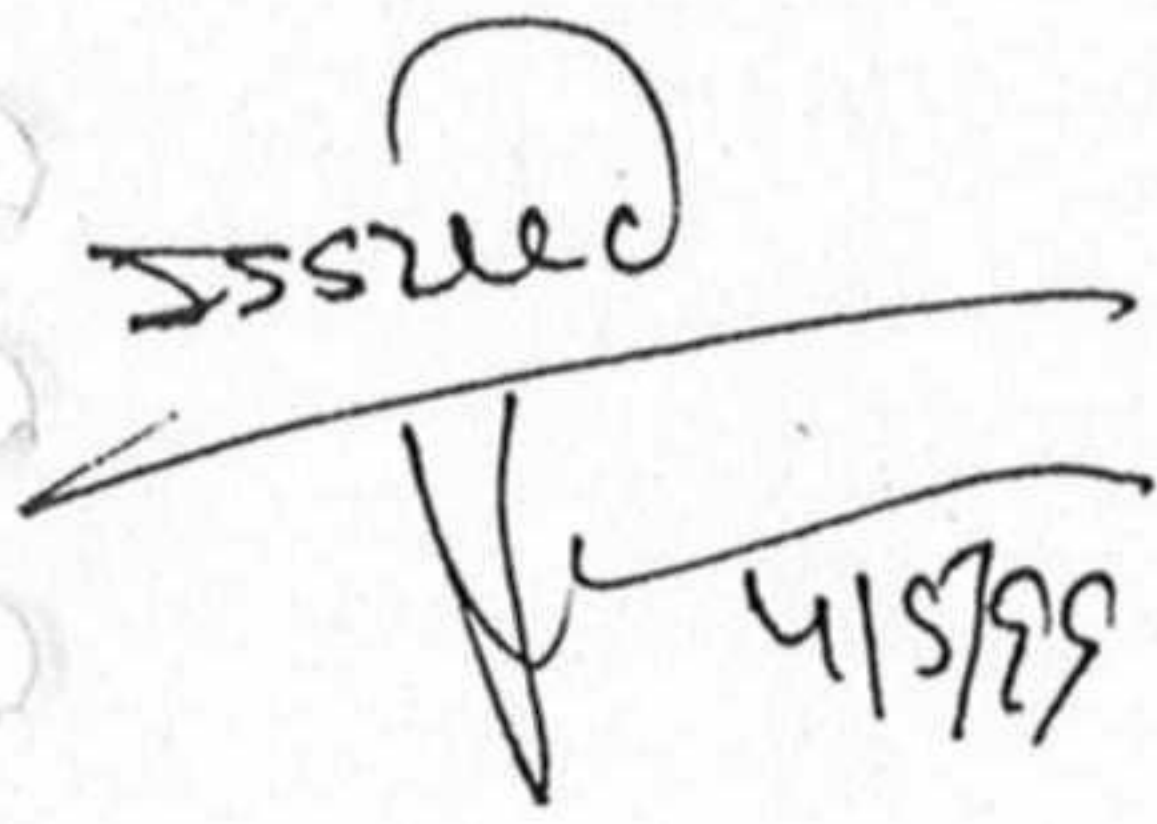
I am sending herewith the Advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act for the Inclusion of "Niyargar, Niargar-Multani, Niyaria" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh, duly authenticated, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the NCBC Act.

Yours sincerely

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Encl: As stated.

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(Findings)

Case : Request for inclusion of "Niyargar, Niyargar-Multani, Niyaria, Dhul-Dhoye" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh.

PER SHRI SAHU AKSHAYA BHAI, HON'BLE MEMBER

I. Request :

1. This case arise s from the request received from Shri Mohd. Ismail, President, Niyargar Samajik Sanstha, Mandisor (M.P.) for inclusion of "Niyargar, Niyargar-Multani, Niyaria, Dhul-Dhoye" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh.

II. Public Hearing

2. The two Member Bench of the Commission for Madhya Pradesh consisting of Hon'bleMembers S/Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai and U.P. Singh held a Public Hearing at Bhopal on 28.1.99 to examine the request in respect of this case. At the Public Hearing the State Government was represented by Shri A.L. Naharia, Shri Neeti Raj Singh and Shri A.Z. Arzaria. The caste/community was represented by Shri Mohd. Ismail of Mandisor, Madhya Pradesh.

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III. Facts

3. The caste/community under consideration is not included in the first phase central list of BCs for Madhya Pradesh prepared in 1993 on the basis of principle of commonality because at that time it was not included in the state government's list of BCs as well as the Mandal Commission's list for M.P. and therefore did not satisfy the criterion of commonality. Even now this caste/community is not included in the state government's list of BCs. During the Public Hearing the representative of the State Commission stated that the request for the inclusion of Niyargar is under the consideration of the state commission.
4. The "Nyaria" caste/community has already been included in the Central List of Rajasthan at entry no. 40 and in the State list at entry no. 41 and the commission has tendered its advice for inclusion of "Dawala, Soni, Niyaria" caste/community in the central list of BCs for the state of Haryana vide NCBCs Advice no. Haryana 33/99 dated 9.4.99.
5. The request maker in the filled up questionnaire has stated that 'Niyargars' are socially backward and their occupation is to collect dust from the Sarafa Bazar and from banks of rivers and separating gold & silver particles from it. They also employed in melting of gold & silver. As per filled in questionnaire, their population is about 50,000. The Niyargar caste/community is also known by various other local names such as Niyargar-Multani, Niyaria, Dhul-Dhoye etc. They follow Islam religion. The literacy rate of the caste/community is stated 0.20% in the state. Ninety-eight percent people of the caste/community lives in Kachha House. Further it is stated that the caste/community is socially and educationally backward. In support of his request, the request maker has also mentioned that his caste/community has been included in the state list of Rajasthan at entry no. 41.

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6. Under the head "Niyaria", W.Crook (The Tribes and Castes of the North Western India, Cosmo publication, Delhi, 1975, first published in 1896) describes the caste/community under consideration as "A refiner of precious metals, who washes the sweeping of the shops of goldsmiths and similar craftsmen, and extracts the gold and silver,..... They are Muhammadans and practice the usual Musalman ceremonies at birth, marriage and death". Russell and Hiralal (The Tribes and Castes of the Central Provinces of India, Asian Education 1993, first published in 1916) has described this caste/community as "another body of persons accessory to the trade are Niarias, who take the ashes and sweepings from the goldsmiths shop, paying a sum of ten or twenty rupees annually for them. They wash away the refuse and separate the grains of Gold and Silver, which they sell back to the Sunars." Munshi Hardayal singh (The castes of Marwar ----- being census report of 1891) gives an account of "The Nyaria" under the head "Gold-smiths refuse collectors," as follows:-
 "The Nyarias are said to be connected with the Sunars but in Marwar they form a distinct caste and are generally Musalmans, who came from Multan-----."

IV. Findings

7. From the above facts and evidence the Bench found that "Niyargar" caste/community is a socially and educationally backward class and also known as Niyagar-Multani, Niyaria, Dhul-Dhoye. Their traditional occupation of separating and collecting gold particles form dust, moving form place to place, mainly involved manual labour and hardship. Even now the member of the community are said to be engaged in hard labour for eking out their livelihood. It is a socially backward class of people who have been traditionally engaged in washing for gold in streams, extraction of gold and silver particles form waste collected from Sunars and shops of goldsmiths and

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silversmiths and were also employed in melting of gold and Silver. Obviously, in social standing their place should certainly be below that of the Goldsmith Community of Sunars, who are already included in the list of BCs in Madhya Pradesh as well as a number of other State. Therefore, "Niyargar" and its synonyms 'Niyargar-Multani', 'Niyaria', except 'Dhul-Dhoye' which only indicates literal description of the work these people perform and for which no ethnographic literature is available, should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh as a new entry under the Islamic group as follows:

"59(26) "Niyargar, Niyargar-Multani, Niyaria"

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23.04.99

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Uday Pratap Singh
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