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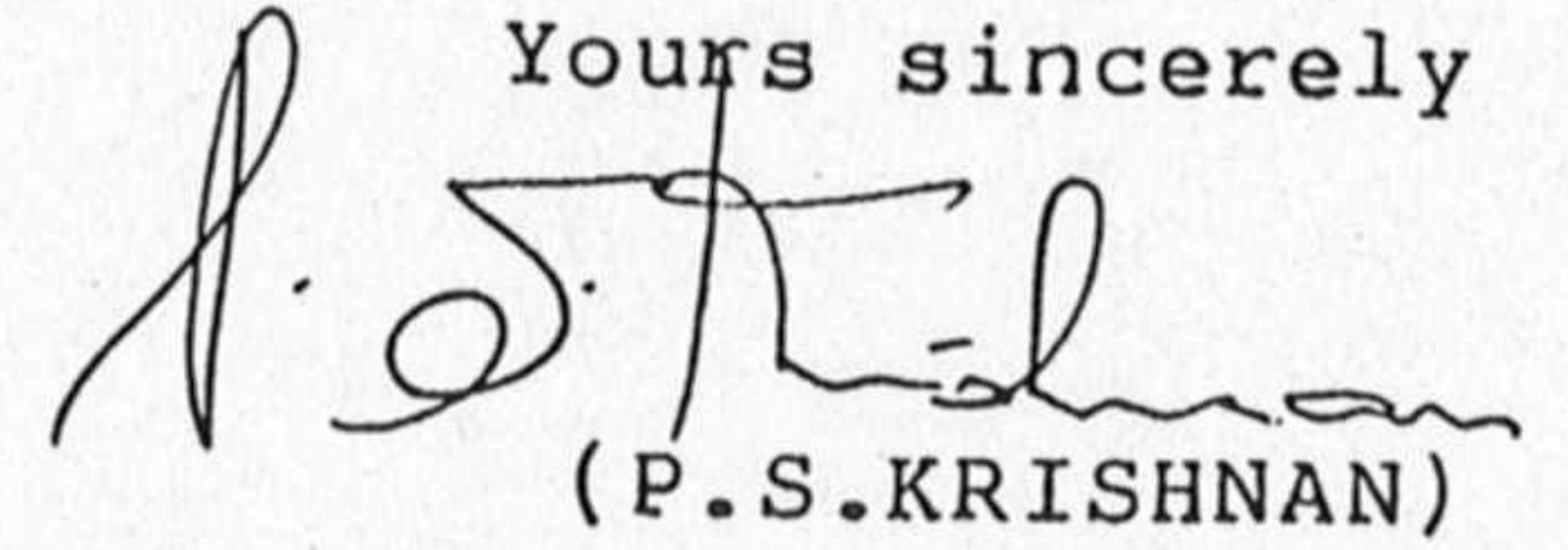
02. 04. 1998

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 Inclusion of "Sangtarash, Khumra, Hansiri" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh, for necessary action by the Central Govt. under Section 9(2) of the Act.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely


(P.S. KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWRD CLASSES

UTTAR PRADESH BENCH

FINDINGS

Case : Request for Inclusion "Sangtarash, Khumra, Hasiri" in the Central List of Backwrđ Classes for Uttar Pradesh.

Per Justice P.K.Shyamsunder

I. Request

This case arises from the Request received in this Commission from Shri Fahmid Hussain, President 'All India Khumra Hasiri/Sangrarash Biradari', Patel Marg, Kotdwār (Garhwal) for inclusion of "Sangtarash, Khumra, Hasiri" in the Central List of Backwrđ Classes for Uttar Pradesh.

II. Public Hearing

2. The two-Member Uttar Pradesh Bench of the Commission consisting of Hon'ble Chairperson, Justice P.K. Shyamsundar and Hon'ble Member, Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai held a Public Hearing at Lucknow on 4.7.97 to examine this Request. Hon'ble Members, Prof. U.P. Singh and Shri Navtej Puadhi also joined the Bench. At the Public Hearing, the State Government was represented by Shri K.P. Singh, Secretary, Backward Classes welfare, Uttar Pradesh. The Community was represented by Shri Fahmid Hussain.

III. Fact

3. Sangtarash is not included in the Mandal List.

4. On the Advice of the U.P. State Backward Classes Commission the State Government vide its latest notification no. 1259/64-1-97-70/96 dated 15th September, 1997 has included "Khumra, Sangtarash, Hansiri" at entry no. 66 in the State List of Backward Classes.

5. The All India Khumra, Sangtarash Hasiri Biradiri has stated that their Castes/Communities are most backward whose main occupations are "making fans and mats with leaves of date tree, grinding of stone, flour-mill and stoneslabs ('silabata')". In the present scientific age sources of income of this community has been sealed. Illiteracy and unemployment have been their condition pitible. A Hindu caste which is engaged in similar type of occupation has been included at entry no. "57 "Pankha" in the list of Scheduled Castes of Uttar Pradesh. It was further stated by the Biradari that their castes/communities have been included in the following states- Bihar (entry no. 148), Jammu & Kashmir (entry no. 65), Delhi (entry no. 75). (The Biradari has not categorically stated in which list of these states their communities have been included). The Biradari also gave 19 lakh approxomate population size of their castes/communities.

6. The U.P. State Backwrd Classes Commission in their Advice, a copy of which was sent to the NCBC vide D.O. leter no. 80/SCBC/96 dated 1.10.06, recorded the views of the representatives of All India Khumra, Sangtarash, Hasiri, Biradari, Kotdwar. According to them their 'biradari' is socially, educationally and economically backwrd. Their representation in Government Service is almost negligible. In the field of education they lag far

behind. They have no place in social & political field.

7. W. Crooke in his ethonographic book "The Tribes and Castes of the North Western India" (Cosmo Publications, Delhi, 1974 Reprint, Vol. III, p. 278 Originally published under the title "The Tribes and Castes of the North Western Provinces & Oudh", Calcutta- 1896) has given an account about Khumra as follows:-

" A tribe found chiefly in Rohil Khand, of whom little is known, save that their chief business appears to be cutting millstones (Chakki), an indispensable article in every native household-----.....

..... From the Rampur State it is reported that they are low-class Muhammadans, whose occupation is making mats and fans. As regards religion, they are in different Muhammadans, and their women dress like Hindus. They resemble Julahas in their manners and customs, and are converts to Islam from one of the low Hindu tribes".

According to Crooke Khumra caste was distributed in 1891 in the following 18 areas/districts of the State Saharanpur, Muzaffarnagar, Meerut, Bulandshahr, Aligarh, Bareilly, Bijnor, Moradabad, Shahjahanpur, Pilibhit, Tarai, Lucknow, Unao, Sitapur, Hardoi, Kheri, Bahraich, Barabanki. Their total population in these areas was 5,198 (Census of 1891).

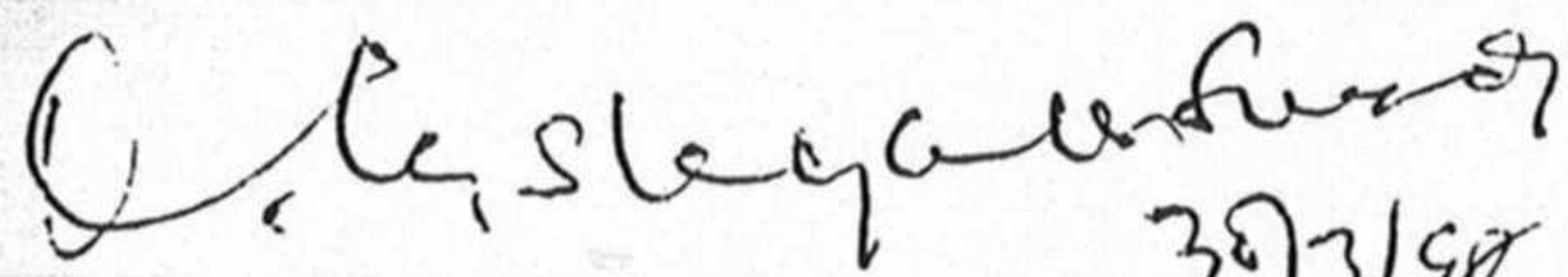
8. In Punjab and North-West Frontier Province Sangtarash was found in Ambala district (now in Haryana) and referred as Pathar-Patore, a stone-cutter or stone breaker (See: H.A. Rose "A Glossary of the Tribes and castes of the Punjab and North-West Frontier Province". Asian Educational Services, New Delhi, 1990, Reprint Vol.III, First Published 1911, 1914, 1919).

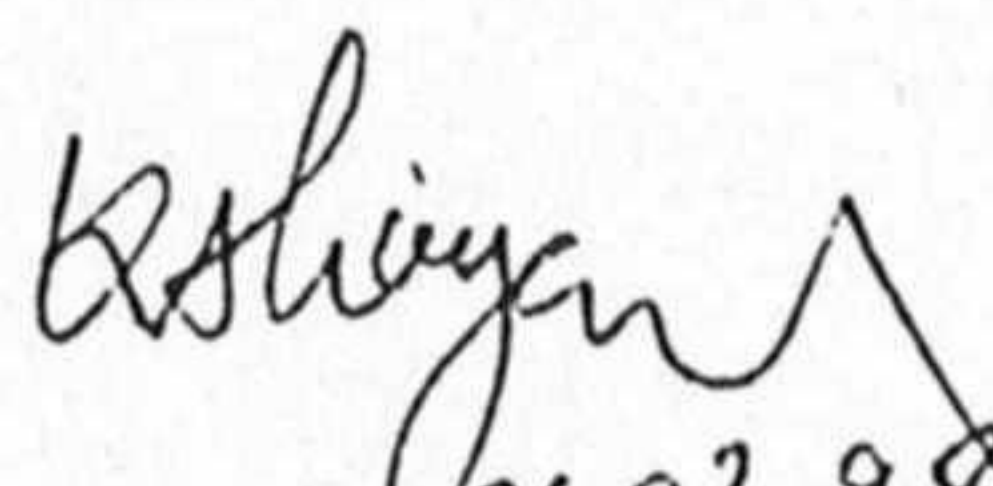
9. People of India- Communities, Segments, Synonyms, Surnames and Titles, General Editor K.S. Singh (Anthropological Survey of India/ Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1996 Vol. VIII), has confirmed earlier distrubution of Khumra in Jaipur State, Punjab, Rajputana Agency based on census years: 1891, 1901, 1911, 1931, (p. 552) and Sangtarash-earlier distrbution: Punjab, Rajputana Agency, North-West Province, & present distrubution Jammu & Kashmir. (p. 867)

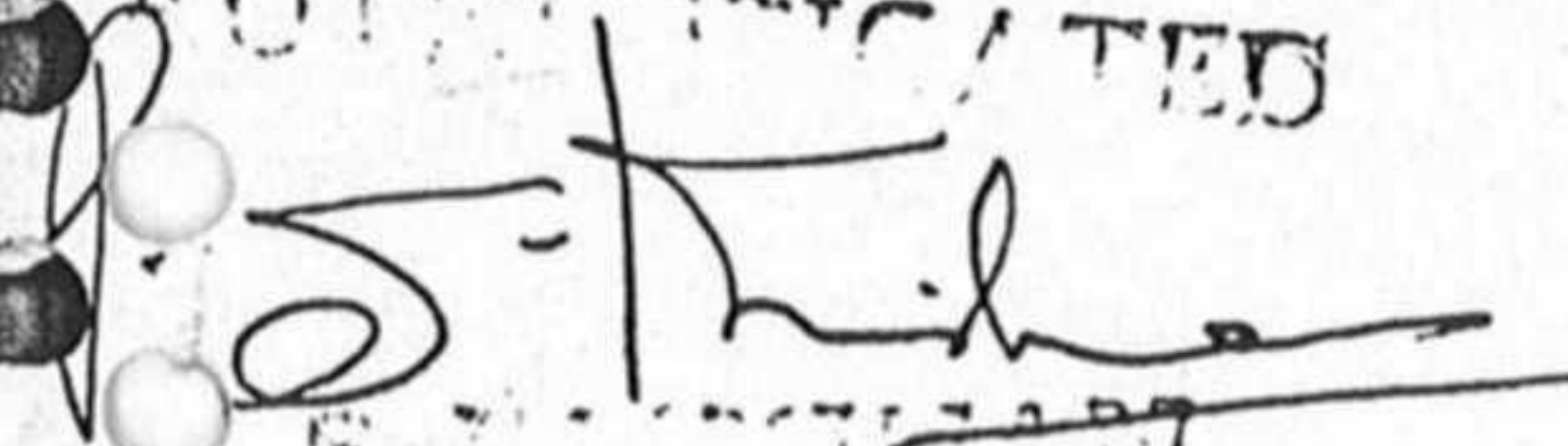
IV. Findings

10. Based on the above material and evidence the bench found that the "Khumra, Sangtarash, Hansiri" are socially backwrd castes whose traditional occupations are "cutting millstones and making fans and mats". The bench decided to include spelling "Hansiri" as in the state list instead of Ha_siri as requested by the Biradari to maintain similarity and to avoid any difficulties to be faced by the persons belonging to this community in getting the certificate. Therefore it is the findings of the bench that "Khumra, Sangtarash, Hansiri" should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh at entry no. 59.

" 59 Khumra, Sangtarash, Hansiri"


(P.K. Shyamsundar) 30/3/98


(Sahu Akshaya Bhai) 26.03.98

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V. Advice of the Commission

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

"Khumra, Sangtarash, Hansiri".

be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh at entry no. 59 as follows:-

" 59 Khumra, Sangtarash, Hansiri"

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30/3/98

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26.03.98

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L. S. Bhatnagar
2.4.98

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