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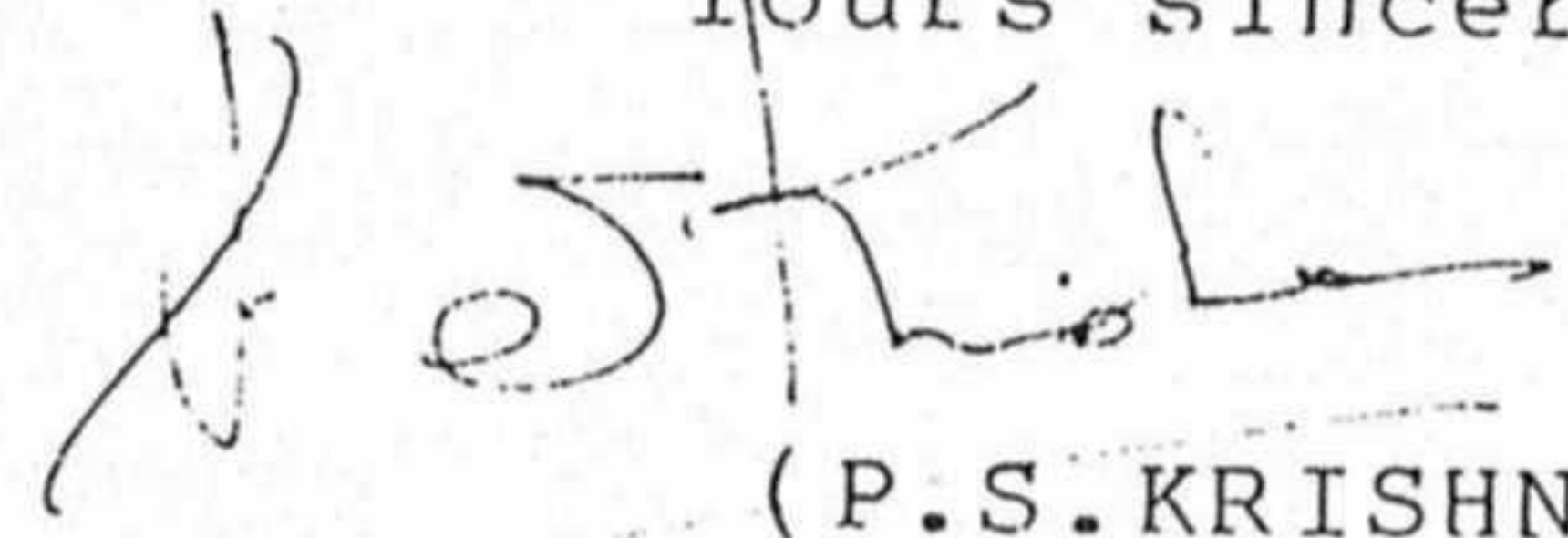
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Dear Smt. Das,

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 "Bhishti-Abbasi" as a synonym of Bhishti 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.

2. With this, Advices on 663 (325 for Inclusion + 338 for rejection) castes, sub-castes, synonyms etc. have been tendered to the Government by the Commission, after its reconstitution in 1997, of which 657 (319 for Inclusion + 338 for Rejection) are still pending with the Government for Notification.

Yours sincerely


(P.S. KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated.

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MADHYA PRADESH BENCH

Finding

Case: Request for Inclusion of 'Abbasi' as a synonym of 'Bhisthi' in the Central List of BCs for Madhya Pradesh

Per: Shri Sahu Akshya Bhai, Member

I. Request

1. This case arises out of the Request received from Haji Nasiruddin President, All India Seikh Jamiatul Abbas, Madhya Pradesh for inclusion of 'Abbasi' as a synonym of 'Bhishti' caste/community in the Central List of BCs for Madhya Pradesh.

II. Public Hearing

2. Three Member Bench of the commission for Madhya Pradesh consisting of Hon'ble members S/Shri Sahu Akshya Bhai, U.P. Singh and Navtej Puadhi held Public Hearing on 4.6.98 at Bhopal to examine the request in respect of this case. The state Government/State commission was represented by Shri A.L. Naharia, Secretary and Shri N.R. Singh, Deputy Director of State Backward Classes Commission and Shri M.L. Khanna, Asstt. Director and Shri S.P. Tiwari, Research Officer of

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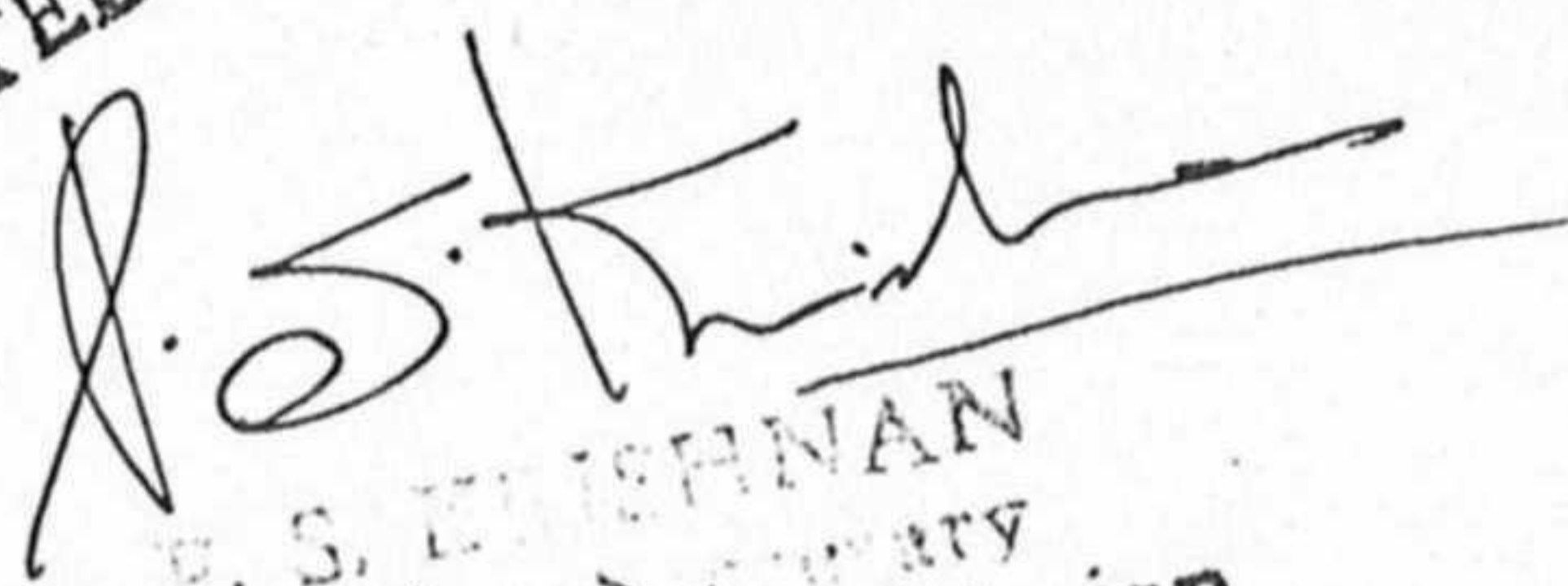
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Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare. The caste/community was represented by Shri Mohd Ibrahim Kureishi and Shri M.M. Sheikh.

III. Facts

3. 'Abbasi' was not included in the first phase Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh prepared and notified in 1993 on the basis of the principle of commonality (i.e. inclusion in the Central List of castes/communities which were found included in both Mandal commission's List as well as the State Government's List that existed at that time) because it was not included in both the Mandal Commission's List as well as the State Government's List that existed at that time and therefore did not satisfy the criterion of commonality. Even now the caste/community is not included in the State Government's List of Backward Classes.
4. 'Bhishti' is already included in the Central List of BCs for the State of Madhya Pradesh at entry No. 59(2) under Islamic Group. It is also included in the Stated List of Backward Classes at Sl. No. 82(2) and in Mandal List at Sl. No. 57. Abbasi is included as synonym of Bhishti in the Central List for Delhi at Sl. No.1. The commission has tendered its advice for inclusion of (Bhishti-Abbasi) in the Central List of BC's for Uttar Pradesh vide Advice No. UP-2/97, dated 8 May 1997.
5. During the Public Hearing the members of the caste/community told the Bench that their occupation is to supply water. 'Abbasi' is a synonym of 'Bhishti' caste/community. This caste/community is a Muslim counterpart of Hindu Kahar, Bhoi, Dhimar and their occupation is same. They have requested for inclusion of 'Abbasi' as a synonym of Bhishti as "Bhishti-Abbasi". The caste/community has not submitted the

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filled up questionnaire . All India Seikh Jamiatul Abbas in their letter dated 23/6/97 have also submitted as under :

- I. Abbasi (Bhishti) organisation was started in the early Thirties by the name of Seikh Jamiatul Abbas. The people of this organisation performing the profession of water carrier.
- II. In those days and still now mauwadi system was very badly prevalent in the country and the people who used to do these type of profession were looked upon with disdainfully and hate.
- III. The uncle of Holy prophet use to do the work of water carrier so the name of Abbasi was adopted by us, to get rid the nuisance of hatred.
- IV. Shaikh Jamiatul Abbas a community of more than two crores having very measurable condition and below poverty line as I could gather form my observation after travelling almost all states of the country.
- V. We are Educationally, Financially, Politically, Industrially, Technically and Socially backward 90 % of our community members are uneducated and below poverty line for this reason we do not have our representation on any place of the country.

6. K.S. Singh in People of India National Series Volume VIII (Communities, Segments, Synonyms, Surnames and Titles) published by Anthropological survey of India, 1996 gives reference of Sheikh Abbasi as a synonyms/sub-caste of Bhishti, which is prevailing in Central Province and Berar.

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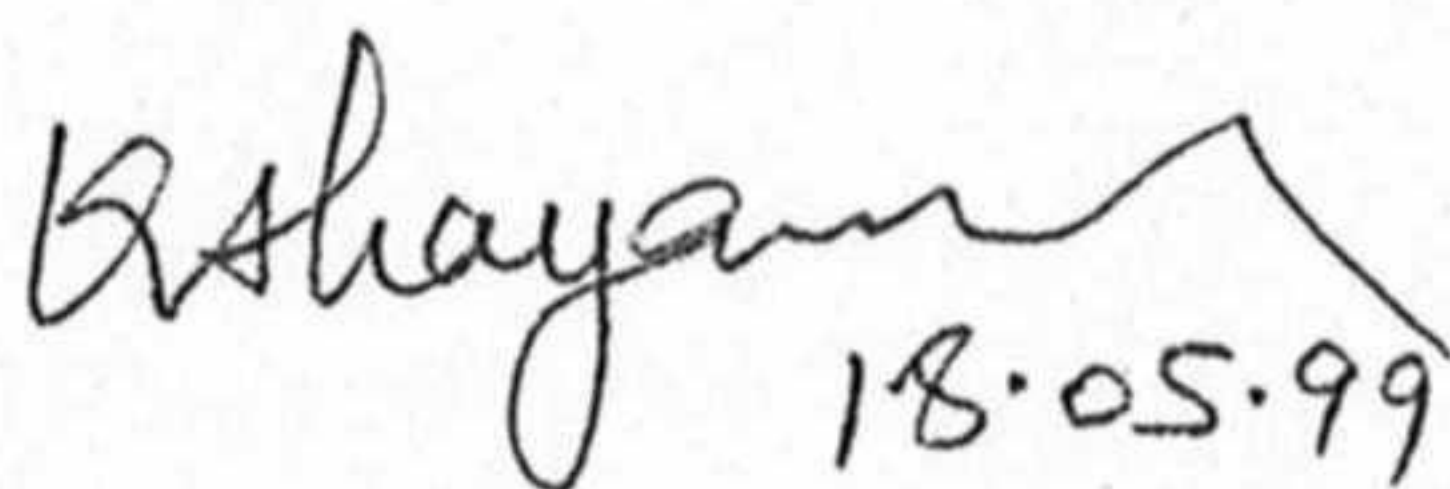
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IV. Findings

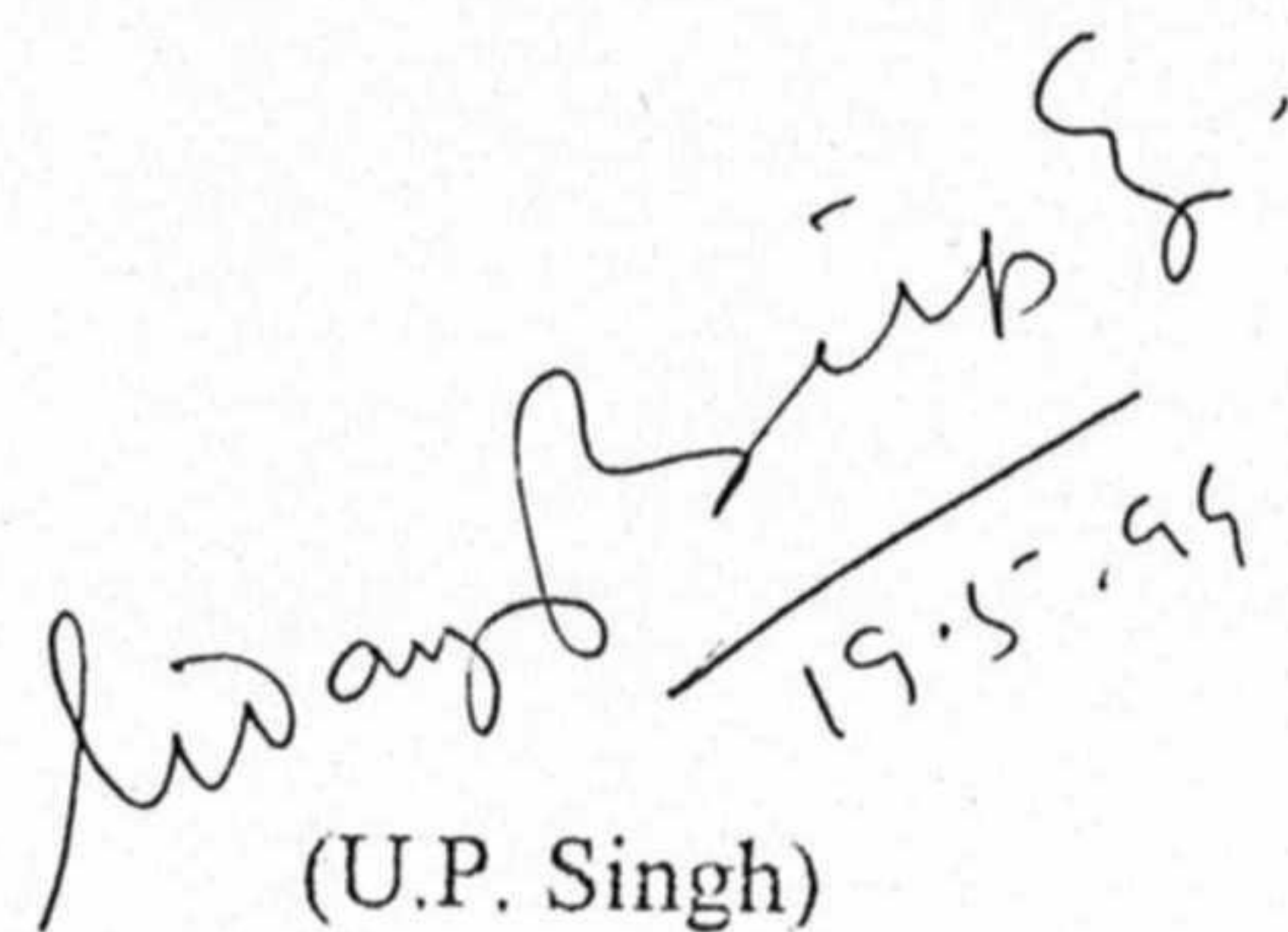
7. From the above facts and evidence it is found that 'Abbasi' is a synonym of 'Bhishti' caste/community, which has already been included in the Central List of Backward Classes in Madhya Pradesh at Sl. No. 59(2) under Islamic Group. The Bench is therefore of the view that 'Bhishti-Abbasi' should be included as a synonym of 'Bhishti' and the amended entry will be as follows:

"59(2) Bhishti, Bhishti-Abbasi"

As one of the Members of the Bench Shri Navtej Puadhi unfortunately passed away on 16.08.1998, subsequent to the Public Hearing, the Findings are signed only by two Members, including the co-ordinating Member of the Bench, but the Findings represent the conclusion jointly arrived at by three Members.


18.05.99

(Sahu Akshaya Bhai)


19.5.99
(U.P. Singh)

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IV. Advice of the Commission

8. The Commission Considered and agreed in full with the above findings and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government under section 9 (1) of the NCBC Act 1993. 'Abbasi' be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh at Sl. No. 59(2) under Islamic group as a synonym of 'Bhishti' so as the amended entry is as follows.

"59(2) Bhishti, Bhishti-Abbasi"

On account of the unfortunate demise of one of the Members Shri Navtej Puadhi on 16.8.98, this 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.

K. Shyam
18.05.99

P. S. Krishnan
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