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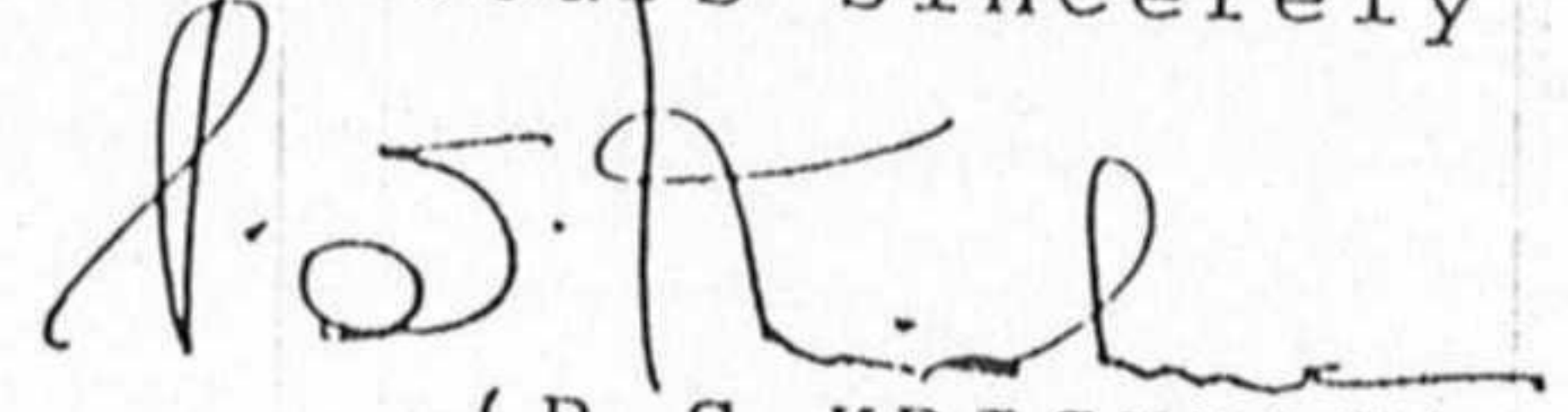
NCBC Advice No. Sikkim 2/98

20. 11. 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 "Sanyasi" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Sikkim, duly authenticated, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act.

Yours sincerely


(P.S. KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated.

Shri D.K. Manavalan
Secretary to Govt. of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACK WARD CLASSES

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FINDINGS

Case : Request for Inclusion of "Sanyasi" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Sikkim .

Per Shri U. P. Singh, Member

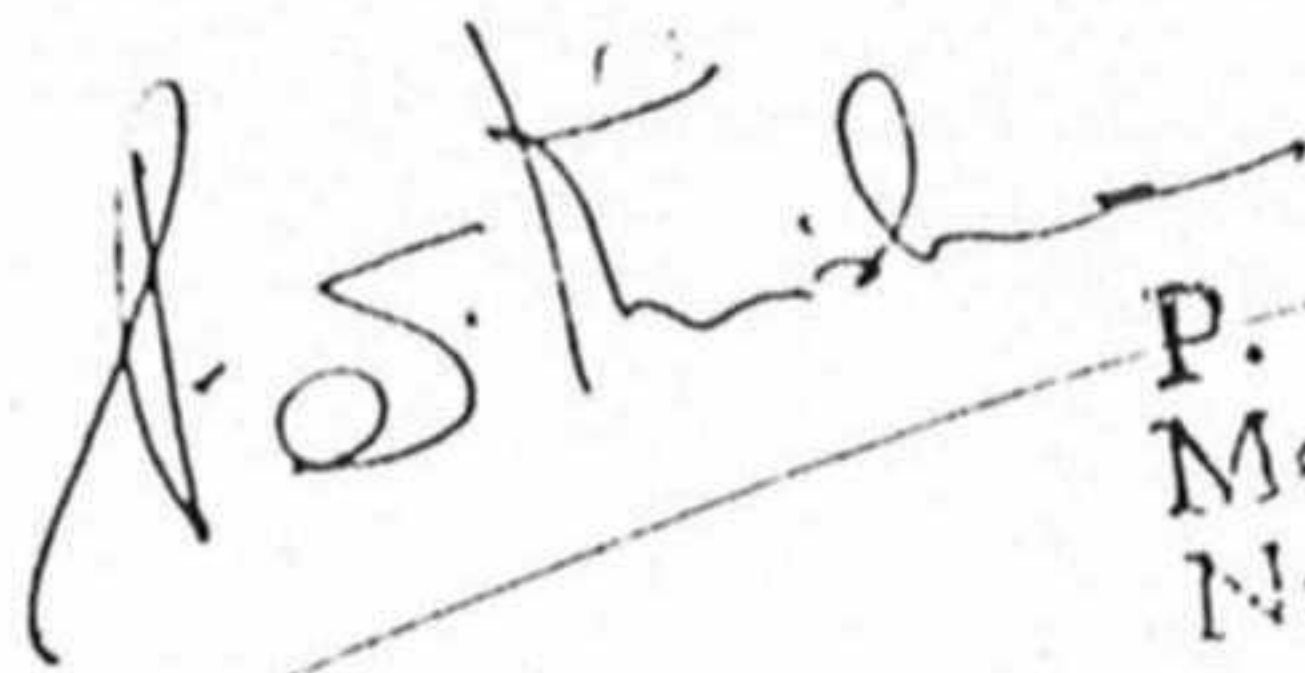
I. Request

This case arises from the Requests for inclusion inter-alia of "Sanyasi" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Sikkim received in this Commission from the following :

1. Shri D. B. Bradifo,
President,
Temi Tarku Project Samittee,
S. Sikkim, Sikkim.
2. Shri Bhim P. Dahal, M.P.,
Sikkim House
New Selhi.

II. The three-Member Sikkim Bench of the Commission consisting of Hon'ble Members, S/Shri U.P. Singh, Navtej Puadhi and Sahu Akshaya Bhai, held a Public Hearing at Gangtok on 9.12.97 in respect of this Request. At Public Hearing the State Govt. was represented by Shri B.K. Pradhan, Joint Controller, State Backward Classes Commission-Cum-Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies & C.A Department and Shri Kuber Sharma, Deputy Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok. The caste/community was represented by the following :-

1. Shri P.S. Giri
2. Shri Kamal Giri
3. Dr. K. Giri
4. Shri C.L. Giri
5. Shri Krishna Kumar Giri


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3. The caste/community was not included in the Mandal List. At the time of preparation of the first phase Central List of Backward Classes on the principle of commonality the State Govt. of Sikkim had no List of Backward Classes, and therefore the Expert Committee on Backward Classes, could not recommend Central List of Backward Classes for the State. Govt. of Sikkim issued a list of Backward Classes vide Govt. of Sikkim Notification No. 2/WD dated 2nd June, 1994. Govt. India vide its Notification No. 88 dated 25th May, 1995 issued a Central List of Backward Classes in respect of Sikkim State on the basis of commonality i.e. castes/communities being in State List and Mandal List. "Sanyasi" caste/community could not find place in the Central List as it was neither in the State List nor in the Mandal List.
4. Dr. K. Giri representative of the caste/community who was present during the Public Hearing stated that the traditional occupation of the caste/community is agriculture. The population of the caste/community is stated to be approximately 1053 and is scattered throughout the State. They are very poor and worship "Shiva" and do not offer sacrifice. They also do not wear sacred thread. However, they call Brahmans in marriages. In order of social standing they are below Brahmans, Chhetris and Newars and equal to Bhujels who were palanquin bearers. Bhujels have been specified in the Central List of Backward Classes for Sikkim. It was further stated that "Sanyasis" are different from Jogis.
5. Shri D. B. Bradifo, President, Temi Tarku Samittee, S. Sikkim and Shri Bhim P. Dahal, M.P. who made the Requests for inclusion, inter-alia, of Sanyasis in the Central List of Backward Classes for Sikkim have stated that this caste/community of Nepali origin is socially and economically backward. It is further mentioned that the Nepalis of Sikkim have common customs and traditions and therefore, they should not be discriminated against. Shri Bhim P. Dahal, M.P. has stated that economic status of different communities of Sikkim have no wide-ranging disparities as compared to the other parts of the nation and religio-cultural domination or imposition does not exist although there is a caste-line.
6. During the Public Hearing the caste/community has submitted details in a letter from the members of the Sikkim Grihasti Sanyasi Samity, according to which they follow Hindiu religion. Their representation in the services under the State Govt. is given as follows :-
 - i). Police Service (Gazetted) 1
 - ii). Health Service (Gazetted) 3
 - iii). Agriculture Service (Gazetted) 1

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There is also one Gram Panchayat Secretary from the caste/community. Their representation in Sikkim Administration service is 'Nil'. There is no MLA from the caste/community in Sikkim.

7. The literacy rate of the caste/community is reported to be very low as 8% of males and 3.8% of females are literates as compared to the corresponding figures of males and females of 65.74 and 46.69 respectively for the States as a whole. However, 40% of boys and 30% of girls are taking to education in schools and only 25% of boys and 20% of girls are continuing education above 5th standard. The caste/community has not submitted the filled-up NCBC Questionnaire. However a brief was submitted making the abovementioned points.

8. The Sikkim Commission for Backward Classes in its Report, a copy of which is available in the NCBC, recommended for inclusion of 'Sanyasi' in the State List of OBCs on the following grounds:-

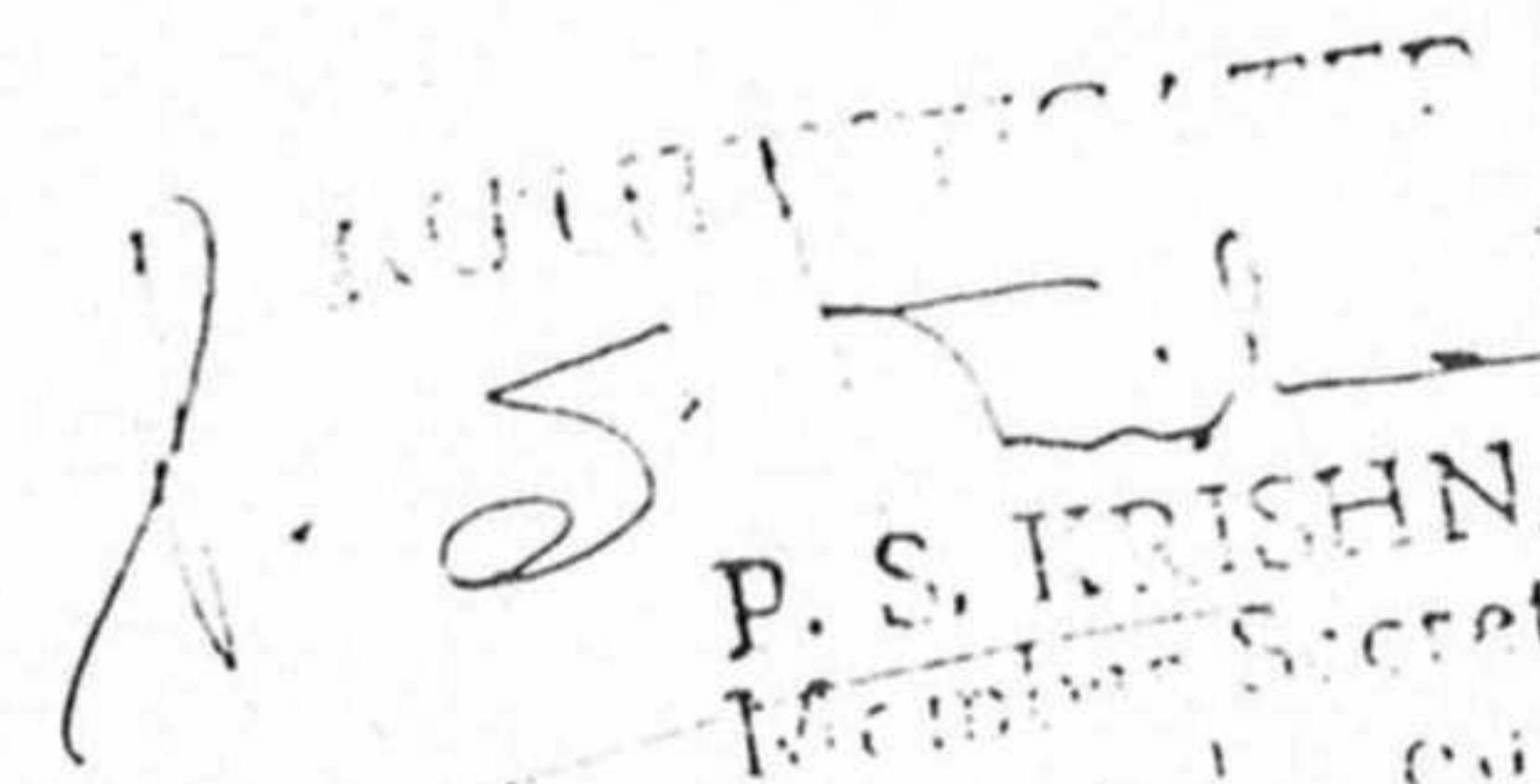
i). The Commission, on the basis of representation as well as facts placed before them, found that this community has been totally regarded as degraded by the upper classes for a long time. Their ladies work on the field and roads as labourers. The Scheduled Tribe persons also consider them backward in social status.

ii). On the basis of information collected by the Commission from 212 schools, it has found that 140 persons were admitted in schools in the age group of 5-15 years in the years 1991 to 1993 out of which 19 dropped out, 4 persons cleared Secondary Examination, and 2 persons each cleared Senior Secondary and Graduation. The number of educated persons in this community is microscopic and they are also inadequately represented in the service under the State. There are 3 persons in Grade-I, 3 in Grade-II, 35 in Grade-III and 22 employees in Grade-IV.

iii). 75% members of the community live in kutcha houses.

iv). They are considered lower by Newars, Bahuns, Chhetris and Gurungs who do not eat rice prepared by them.

9. Those present during the Public Hearing, who were from different sections of society, did not object to the proposed inclusion of the "Sanyasi" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Sikkim, rather supported its inclusion.


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III. Findings

10. From the above evidence it is the Finding of the Bench that the "Sanyasi" caste/community is Socially and Educationally backward and it should therefore be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Sikkim at entry No. 8 as follows :-

" 8. Sanyasi "

As one of the Members of the Bench, Shri Navtej Puadhi unfortunately passed away on 16.8.98, subsequent to the Public Hearing, the Findings are signed only by two Members, S/Shri U.P. Singh, co-ordinating Member and Shau Akshaya Bhai but the findings represent the conclusion jointly arrived at by all the three Members.

Akshaya
18.11.98
(Shau Akshaya Bhai)

U. P. Singh
16.11.98
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IV. Advice of the commission

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

"Sanyasi" caste/community should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Sikkim at entry no. 8 as follows :-

" 8. Sanyasi"

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.

Kshayan
18.11.98

P. C. Sengupta
19.11.98

16.11.98
P. S. Krishnan
20.11.98

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