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Government of India
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NCBC Advice No. Uttar Pradesh 40, 41/98

24. 11. 1998

Dear Shri Manavalan,

I am sending herewith the Advices of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act for the Rejection of the Requests for Inclusion of

(1) Verma/Sonar/Sunar

(2) Gautam Brahman

in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh, duly authenticated, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act.

2. With these, Advices on 463(270 for Inclusion + 193 for Rejection) castes, sub-castes, synonyms etc. have been tendered to the Government by the Commission, after its reconstitution in 1997, of which 457 (264 for Inclusion + 193 for Rejection) are still pending with the Government for Notification.

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Yours sincerely

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Encl: As stated.

Shri D.K. Manavalan
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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Uttar Pradesh Bench

Findings

Per Justice P.K. Shyamsundar, Chairperson

Case: Request for Inclusion of "Verma/Sonar/Sunar" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh.

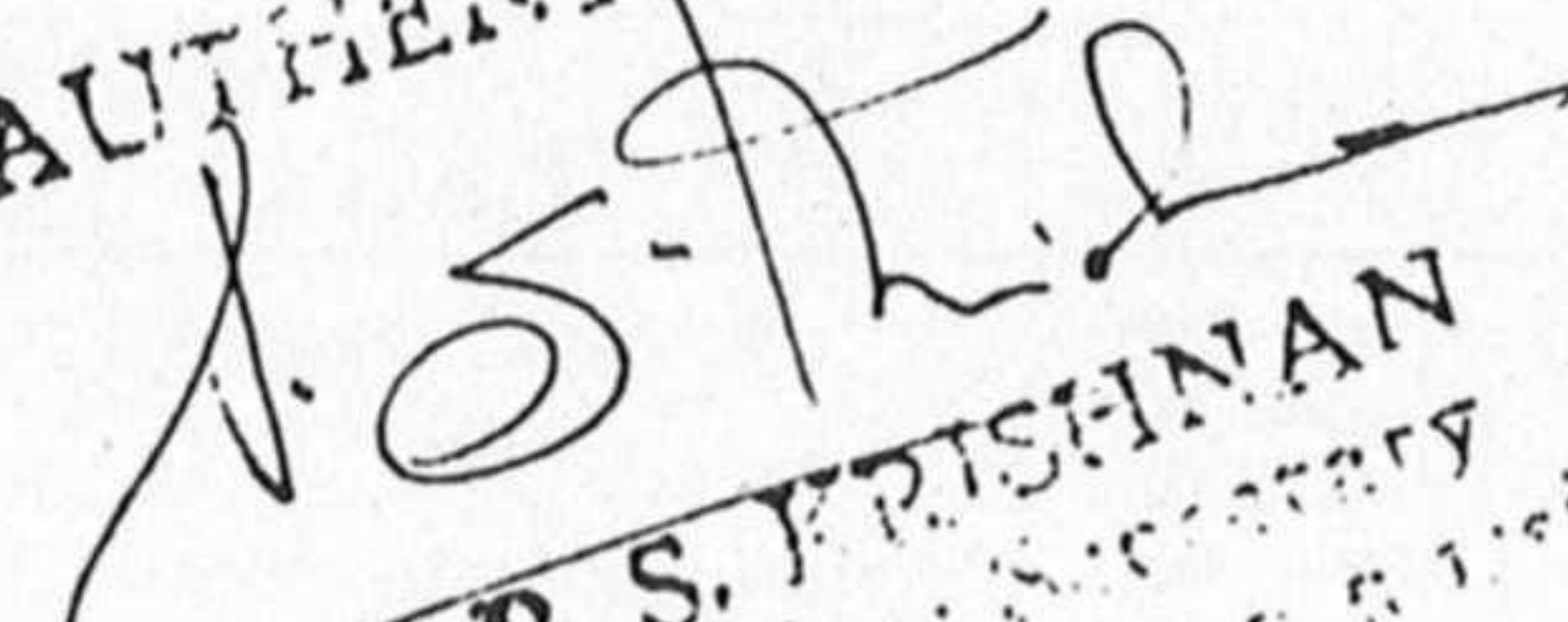
I. Request

This case arises from the request received by this Commission from Shri Bhavani Das Verma, Shri Lalit Lal Verma & Others, Malli Tal, Nainital, Uttar Pradesh for inclusion of "Verma/Sonar/Sunar" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh.

II. Public Hearing

2. The three-Member Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri Justice P.K. Shyamsundar, Hon'ble Chairperson, Shri Uday Pratap Singh and Shri Sahu Akshya Bhai, Hon'ble Members of NCBC held a Public Hearing on 27.10.98 at Lucknow. The State Government was represented by Shri Hiramani Singh Yadav, Special Secretary and Shri J.C. Pant, Director of Backward Classes Welfare Dept., Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow. Shri Ram Bahadur, Member-Secretary, State Backward Classes Commission of Uttar Pradesh was also present at the Public Hearing who gave valuable information. The community was represented by Shri Jay Subhash Verma, Shri Bachu Lal Verma & Shri Chandra M. Verma of Nanda Devi Bazar, Almora, Uttar Pradesh.

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III. Facts

3. "Sonar/Sunar" is found included in the following lists:

State List : "52. Sonar, Sunar, Swarnakar"

Mandal List: "108. Sonar, Sunar, Swarnka"

Central List: "51. Sonar, Sunar"

4. During the Public Hearing, the representatives of the community appeared before the Bench and sought for inclusion of Verma/Sonar/Sunar in the Central List of Backward Classes. When the Bench pointed out that Sonar/Sunar were already included in the Central List of Backward Classes, they said that they were unaware of the same but even so requested us to add a word 'Verma' to the existing entry. When the Bench asked whether Verma is a caste name, they admitted that it is only a title. The representative also stated that they had no difficulty in getting a Backward Class Certificate in the name of Sonar, Sunar.

IV. Findings

5. From the foregoing, the Bench is of the view that when the caste does not face any difficulty in obtaining a Backward Class certificate in the name of the Sonar/Sunar, which is already included in the Central List of Backard Classes, there is little reason to add the word "Verma", being only a title. Therefore, the Bench advised the representatives of the community that adding 'Verma' to the existing entry will only give room for misuse by members of the forward castes sporting the title 'Verma'. The representatives accepted to this advice and thereafter did not press their claim for inclusion of Verma along with Sonar/Sunar. They assured the Bench that it is enough if the existing entry continues as it is. Therefore, the Request for inclusion of Verma/Sonar/Sunar be rejected as Sonar, Sunar were already in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh and Verma being only a title and not a caste. Government is advised accordingly.

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IV. Advice of the Commission

6. 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 by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act:-

The Request for Inclusion of "Verma/Sonar/Sunar" castes in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh be rejected as "Sona,Sunar" were already in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh and "Verma" being only a title and not a caste.

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Note: On account of the unfortunate demise of one of the Members Shri Navtej Puadhi on 16.08.98, 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

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Uttar Pradesh Bench

Findings

Per Justice P.K. Shyamsundar, Chairperson

Case: Request for Inclusion of "Gautam Brahman" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh.

I. Request

This case arises from the request received by this Commission from Shri P.C. Gautam, 3/287 Vishkas Khand, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh for inclusion of "Gautam Brahman" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh.

II. Public Hearing

2. The three-Member Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri Justice P.K. Shyamsundar, Hon'ble Chairperson, Shri Uday Pratap Singh and Shri Sahu Akshya Bhai, Hon'ble Members of NCBC held a Public Hearing on 27.10.98 at Lucknow. The State Government was represented by Shri Hiramani Singh Yadav, Special Secretary and Shri J.C. Pant, Director, of Backward Classes Welfare Dept., Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow. Shri Ram Bahadur, Member-Secretary of the State Backward Classes Commission of Uttar Pradesh was also present at the Public Hearing who gave valuable information. The community was represented by Shri P.C. Gautam.

III. Facts

3. "Gautam Brahman" is not included in any of the list for Backward Classes.

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4. The Questionnaire received from the applicant states that their total population spread all over Uttar Pradesh was only a thousand. While most of the members are engaged as agricultural labour some of them are also engaged in carpentry work. According to the applicant, the caste is backward due to their poor living conditions and low literacy rate. The total number of matriculates in the caste is about 600.

5. During the Public Hearing, when the Bench pointed out that the very name, "Gautam Brahman", perse indicated that it is a part of Brahmin community, the applicant stated that "Gautam Brahman" is different from the Brahman community in general as their caste members do not wear the sacred thread like the other Brahmans. He went on to emanate their poor economic condition and low representation of the caste members in Government service etc..

6. In the Ethnographic Literature, "The Tribes and Castes of the Central Provinces of India Vol-III" by R. V. Russell and Hira Lal, "Gautam Brahman" is accounted under the head "Gautam" as follows:

"Gautam – A name of a famous Risi or saint. A common eponymous section of Brahmans. A clan of Rajputs. A section of Agharia, Ahir, Maratha, Panwar Rajputt, Rangari and Jangam".

It is evident from the above ethnographic literature that "Gautam Brahman" is a section of Brahmans, who are forward caste people in Hindu hierarchy. It is also arrayed along with other main forward castes of society.

IV. Findings

7. From the above material, it is apparent that "Gautam Brahman" is a segment of Brahman community, which is not a backward caste. Moreover, the applicant urged for inclusion of "Gautam Brahman" in the Central List of Backward Classes stressing upon their poor economic condition and low literacy rate. Even then the figures furnished

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relating to number of matriculates being 600 vis-a-vis their total population of 1000 numbers does not indicate any retardation in the educational front. No evidence was placed before the Bench to prove that "Gautam Brahman" is in any way different from the other Brahmins, who enjoyed a high-status in social and caste hierarchy. In view of this, the Bench was left with no other option except to hold that "Gautam Brahman" is a section of Brahman community, which is not socially backward. For the foregoing reasons, it does not deserve inclusion in the list of Backward Classes. The request for inclusion of "Gautam Brahman" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh should be rejected and Government advised accordingly.

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IV. Advice of the Commission

8. 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 by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act:-

The Request for inclusion of "Gautam Brahman" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh be rejected as it is a *socially forward caste*.

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