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NCBC Advice No. Madhya Pradesh 46/99

15.06.1999

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 Rejection of the Request for Inclusion of "Yaduvanshi" caste/community 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 693 (343 for Inclusion + 350 for rejection) castes, sub-castes, synonyms etc. have been tendered to the Government by the Commission, after its reconstitution in 1997, of which 687 (337 for Inclusion + 350 for Rejection) are still pending with the Government for Notification.

Yours sincerely

(P.S.KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated.

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NEW DELHI

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

MADHYA PRADESH BENCH

FINDINGS

Case : Request for inclusion of "Yaduvanshi" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh .

PER SHRI SAHU AKSHAYA BHAI

I. Request

1. This case arises from the Request received from the Akhil Bhartiya Yaduvanshi Samaj, Gwalior and Yaduvanshi Kshatriya Samaj, Gwalior, for the inclusion of "Yaduvanshi" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh.

II. Public Hearing

2. The three Member Bench of the Commission for Madhya Pradesh consisting of Hon'ble Members S/Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai and U.P. Singh and Navtej Puadhi held a Public Hearing at Bhopal on 25.6.97 & 3.6.98 to examine the request in respect of this case. The State Government was represented by Shri A.L. Naharia, Secretary and Shri Neeti Raj Singh, Deputy Director of State Commission for Backward Classes, Shri M.L. Khanna, Asstt. Director and Shri S.P. Tewari, Research Officer of

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Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare. The caste/community was represented by Shri Bhagwandas Yaduvanshi, President, Akhil Bharatiya Yaduvanshi Samaj.

III. Facts

3. "Yaduvanshi" is 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 the Mandal Commission's List as well as the State Government's List that existed at that time) because it was not included in Mandal 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 'Yaduvanshi' caste/community is not included in the State Government's List of Backward Classes.

4. In the filled up NCBC's Questionnaire against S. No. 1 of Part II, requiring to indicate the name of caste/community in respect of which request has been made, the Request-maker has stated 'Kshatriya, Sub-Caste-Yaduvanshi'. It gives an impression that 'Yaduvanshi' is a sub-caste of Kshatriya. This presumption is corroborated from the reply at Sl. No. 3 of Part II, meant to indicate the main caste in which the request-maker has given 'Yaduvanshi Kshatriya'. The sub-caste/synonyms of 'Yaduvanshi Kshatriya' are Yadav, Barai, Kumravat, Tamoli. The Yaduvansi caste/community is largely concentrated at Sandalpur and Billoa villages of Gwalior District. They follow the Hindu Religion and mainly worship Lord Krishna. The Yaduvansi's do not have any social relationship with the caste/community i.e., Barai, Kumravat, Chorasias. Majority of the caste members for their livelihood depend on betel leaves cultivation, and its business. The main occupation is agriculture. Fifty

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percent families of the caste/community in the villages are having their own land but not upto the ceiling limit. In the city, the member of "Yaduvansi" caste/community are engaged in betel leaves business/shops or in different types of services. Women of the caste/community are not as a general rule engaged in agriculture labour for their family's livelihood. Children of the community are engaged in their own agriculture for their family's livelihood. Traditionally, the caste/community is linked with betel leaves agriculture and betel leaves shops. The total population of the caste/community on the bases of 1991 Census is stated to be around 5000, literacy rate of the caste in the state is 14.6%, sixty two percent people of the community live in Kachha Houses and 28% in Pucca Houses. Sixty-two persons of the community are in State Government Services, 2 each are Doctors, and Lawyers and 2 persons are studying Engineering and Architect.

5. The Request-maker, along with request also submitted a photocopy of the silver jubilee issue of the magazine titled 'Yadukul Sandesh' which contain an article 'History of Yaduvanshi' in which "King Jayati's son 'Yadu' is indicated as the ancestor of 'Yaduvanshi and Yadav' and Lord Shri Krishna was born in this clan. In 1109 Sambat Anagpal Tanwar defeated the 'Yaduvanshi' rulers and the 'Yaduvansi' kingdom was demolished 'Yaduvanshi' people fled for life to the remote places, and they started betel leaves cultivation for their livelihood which in the time to come become their main occupation business and therefore they are known as Tamboli."

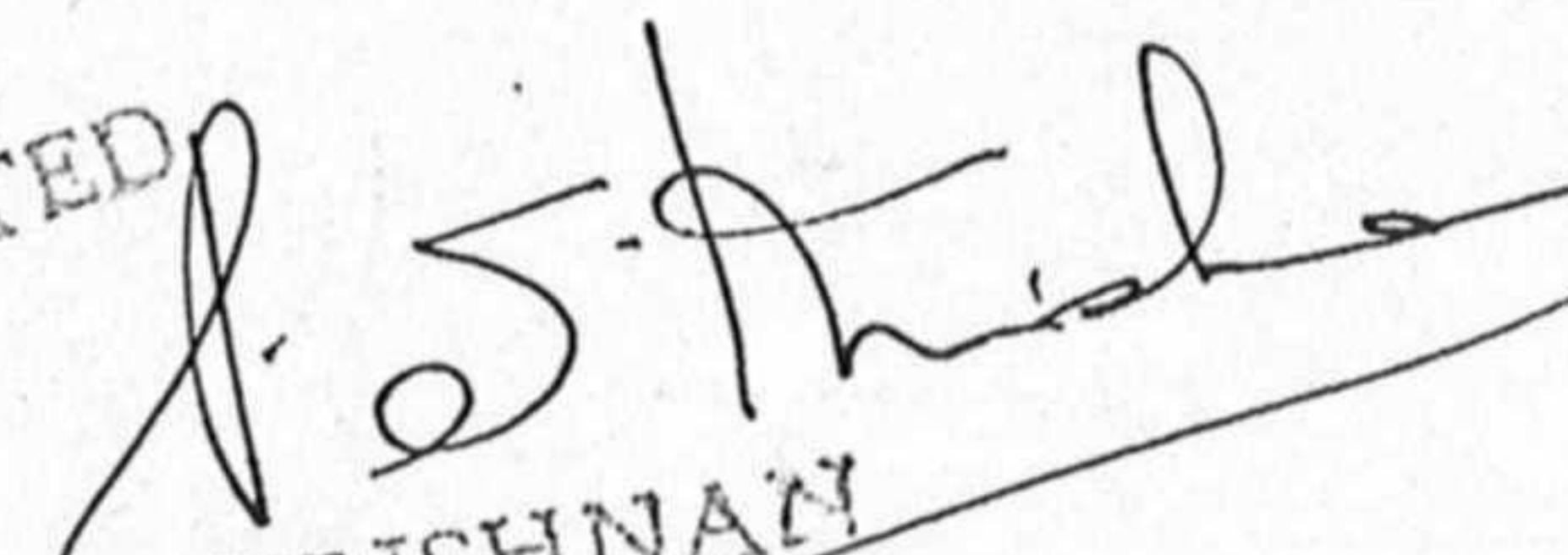
6. The Request-maker, Shri Bhagwan Das Yaduwanshi in his letter dated the 25th September 1993 addressed to Shri Sitaram Kesri, the then Welfare Minister, Government of India for inclusion of the caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh, a copy to which along with other was also endorsed to

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the Chairperson, State Backward Class Commission, mentioned that the origin of 'Yaduvanshi' caste is from 'Karauli' in Rajasthan. The people of this community are engaged in cultivation and whole-sale trading of betel-leaves. Due to this occupation, the caste/community is called as Tamboli which are known by different names like Barai, Kumravat, Tamoli, Yadav etc. in different regions. 'Yaduvanshi' caste, for the reason of traditional occupation being betel-leaves cultivation is connected with these castes but they are separated from the Tamboli, Tamoli, Barai, Kumravat, Yadav caste/communities, in regard to social background and marriage rituals Shri Sumedh Singh in his letter dated the 25th June 1997 confirmed the above position espoused by Shri Bhagwan Das Yaduvanshi and stated that their social customs and traditions are completely different from the other betel leave cultivating castes described above and do not have any marriage tie-ups with them. They have 28 *gotras*, which are different from the other betel cultivating castes like Tamboli etc.

7. 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 'Yaduvansi' as a sub-group of 'Yadubansi Rajput'.
8. W. Crook in "The Tribes and Castes of the North-Western India" published by Cosmo publications, Delhi reprinted in 1975 (Vol. II, P. 218) under the head 'Rajput' describes 'Yaduvansi' as "In ancient times the whole country lying between the Aravali Hills of Alwar and the Jumna was divided between Matsya on the west and Surasena on the east, with Dasurana on the south and south west border. Matsya included the whole of the present Alwar territory, with portions of Jaypur and Bharatpur. Bairat and Muchari were both in Matsyadesa; while Karnan, Mathura and Bayana were all in Surasena. To the East was Panchala, including the Antarveda and Rohilkand. The Surasenas were Yadavas or Yaduvansis. A

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large portion of their old country is still in the possession of the Jadon Raja of Karauli. Their chief towns were Methora and Kleisobaras, Mathura and Krishnapura. The Yadavas first succumbed to the great Maurya dynasty of Magadha, and were afterwards overwhelmed by the Indo-Scythians under the Satrap Rajubul and his son Saudasa. It next fell under the Gupta dynasty, the power of which was broken by the death of Skanda Gupta in 319 A.D. At the time of Hwen Thsang's visit in 635 A.D., the King of Mathura was a Sudra, but a few centuries later the Jadon Rajputs were in full possession of both Bayana and Mathura. Nearly the whole of eastern Rajputana, therefore, belonged to the Yaduvansi or Jadon Rajputs. They held one-half of Alwar with the whole of Bharatpur, Karauli, and Dholpur, besides the British Districts of Gurgaon, Mathura, and the greater part of Agra west of the Jumna. It seems possible also that they may have held some portions of the present Gwalior territory, lying along the Chambal River, opposite Karauli."

IV. Findings

9. From the above facts, evidence and ethnographic literature, the Bench is of the view that 'Yaduvanshi' is a Kshatriya/Rajput caste/community. This view has also been corroborated by the Request-maker by his statement in part-II, Sl. No. 3 of the Questionnaire where the main caste has been indicated as Yaduvanshi Kshatriya. It is a different matter that a section of 'Yaduvanshi' may have adopted cultivation and selling of betel leaves for their livelihood. But by their own admission they are different from other castes like Tamboli, Barai, etc. which have betel leaves cultivation as their traditional occupation and with whom they have no social intercourse and marriages tie-ups Kshatriya/Rajput caste/community is second in social hierarchy and Varna system and is not a socially backward caste/community. The Bench is, therefore, of the

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opinion that 'Yaduvanshi' is not a backward caste/community and the Request for its inclusion in the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh should be rejected.

As one of the Members of the Bench Shri Navtej Puadhi unfortunately passed away on 16.08.1998, the Findings are formulated and signed only by two Members, including the co-ordinating Member of the Bench.

Akshaya
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(Sahu Akshaya Bhai)

U.P. Singh
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V. Advice of the Commission:

10. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the Findings of the Madhya Pradesh Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Government as per Section 9(I) of the NCBC Act 1993 for action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act.

The Request for inclusion of 'Yaduvanshi' in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh be rejected as it is not a socially backward caste/community.

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.

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