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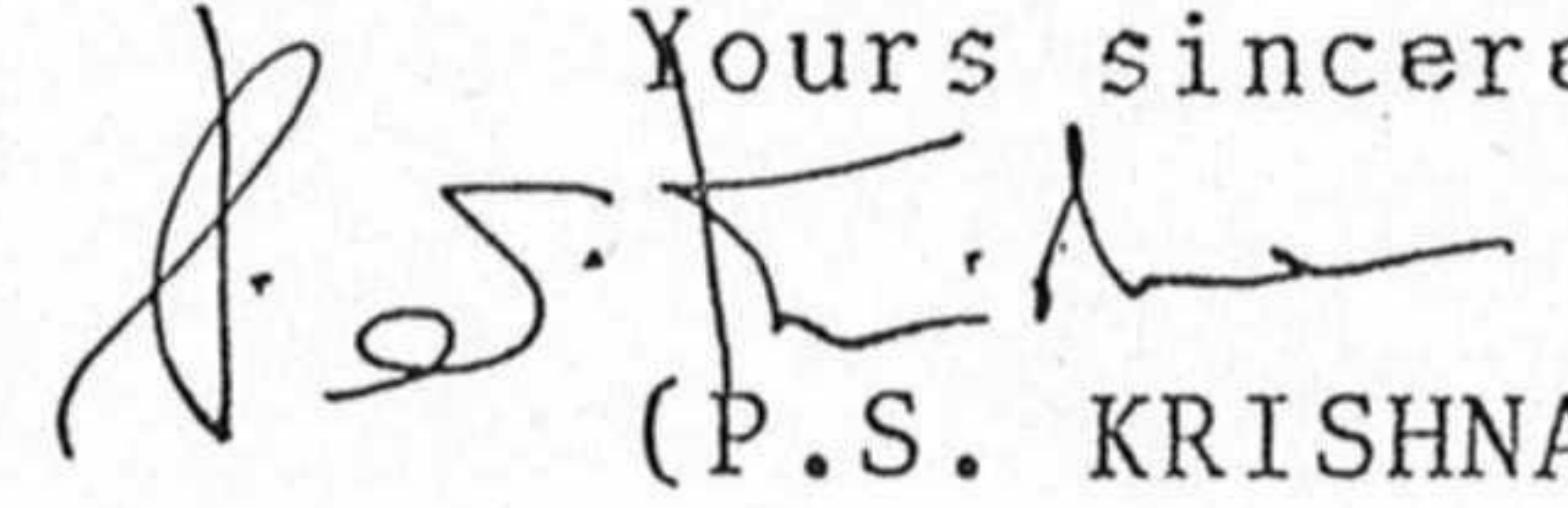
NCBC Advice No. M.P. 51/99

03. 08. 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, 1993 for the Inclusion of "Gaddi" 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 Act.

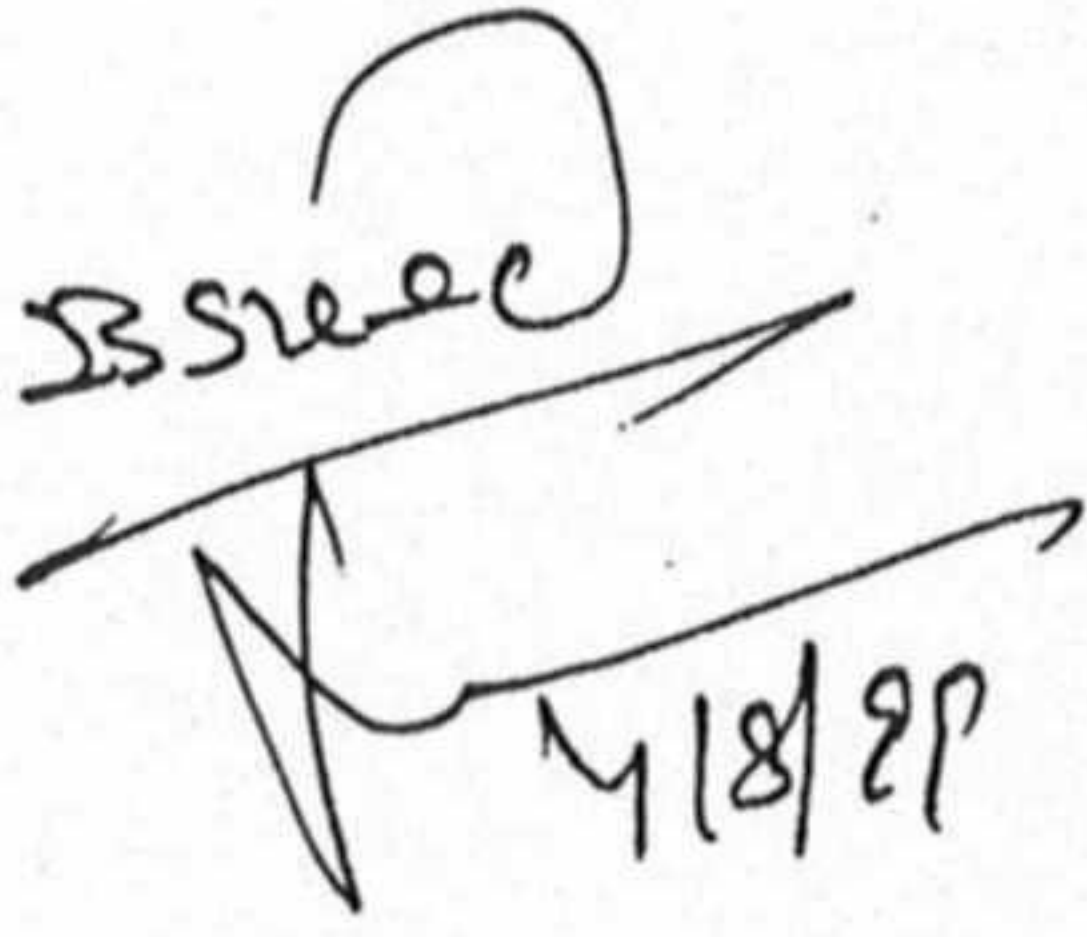
Yours sincerely


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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

MADHYA PRADESH BENCH

Findings

Case: Request for Inclusion of "Gaddi" in the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh.

Per : Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai, Member

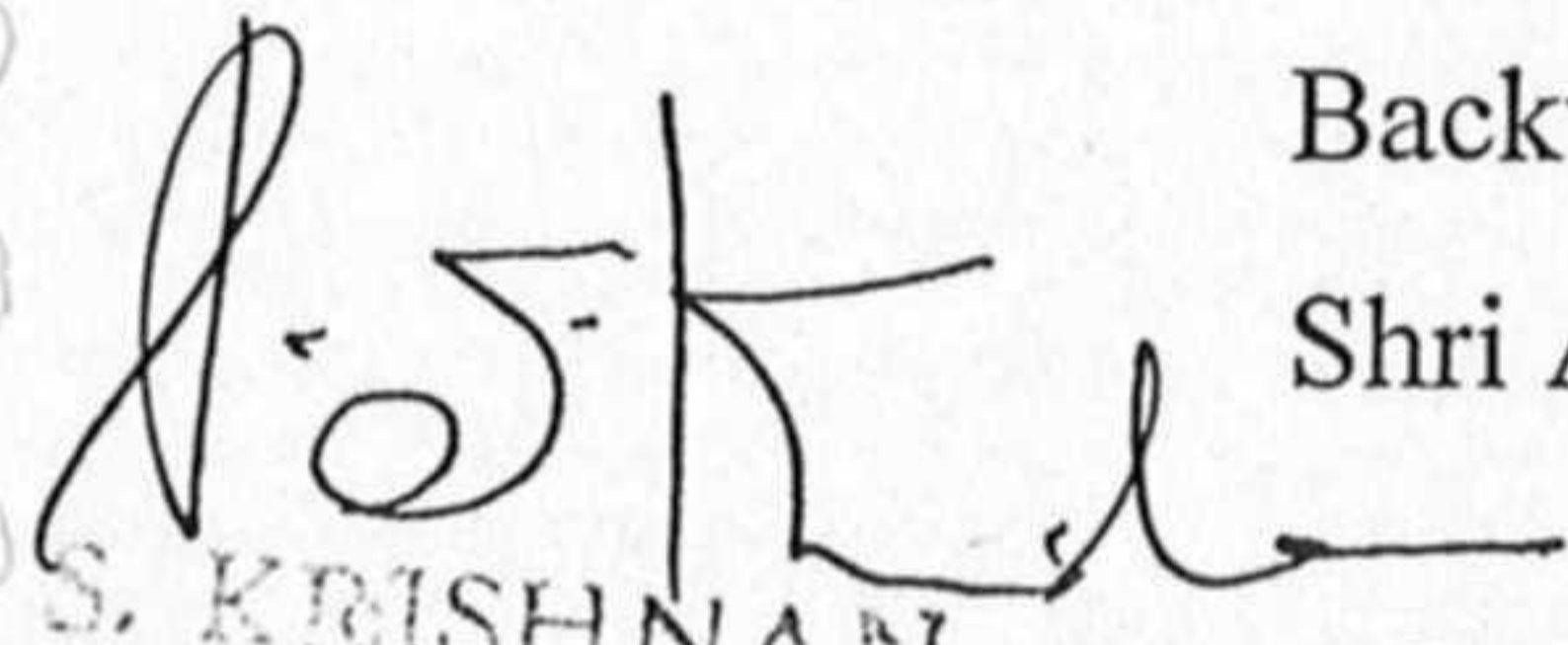
I. Request:

1. This case arises out of the Request received from Shri Anwar, President, Gaddi Samaj, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh and Shri Rasheed Khan, Patron, Madhya Pradesh Muslim Pichhda Varg Vikas Parishad, Ratlam for inclusion of 'Gaddi' under the Islamic groups in the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of 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 4.6.98 to examine the request in respect of this case. The State Government/Commission 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 Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare. The Caste/community was represented by Shri Anwar Khan, President, Gaddi Samaj, in the Public Hearing.

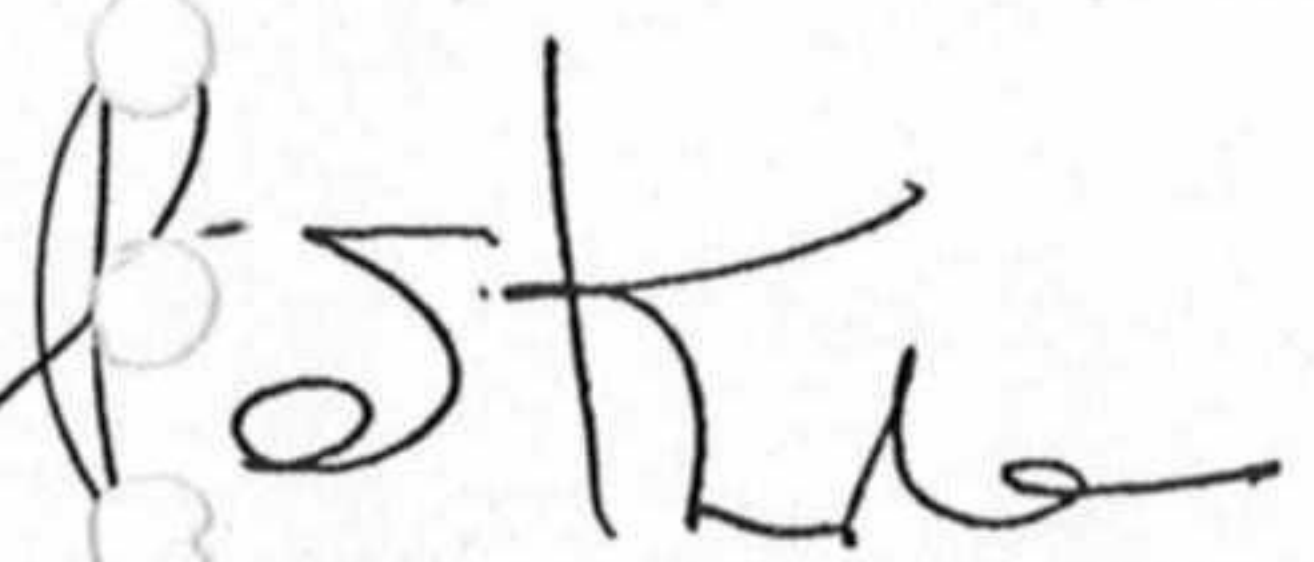
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III. Facts

3. "Gaddi" 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.
4. The Request maker has submitted the filled-up NCBC's Questionnaire and furnished the following information regarding this caste/community: Gaddi is the main name of the caste. Its sub-castes/sub-communities are Gaddi, Lakarh-hara. The caste/community is spread all over Madhya Pradesh. They follow Islam Religion. The caste/community is socially backward and members of the caste/community mainly depend for livelihood on wood cutting, collecting, supply and sale of it. Women of the community generally engaged in manual labour by carrying the wood on their head for supporting the family's livelihood. Children of the caste/community are also engaged in the same work. The literacy rate of the caste/community in the state is 4-5%. Ninety percent people live in Kachha houses and 10% in Pucca houses.
5. During the Public Hearing the representative of the caste/community said that the traditional occupation of the caste/community was wood cutting and it belongs to Muslim community. He pleaded that since his community is socially and educationally backward it should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for the state of Madhya Pradesh. In support of his request, he stated that his community is already included in the Central List of Backward Classes for many states.

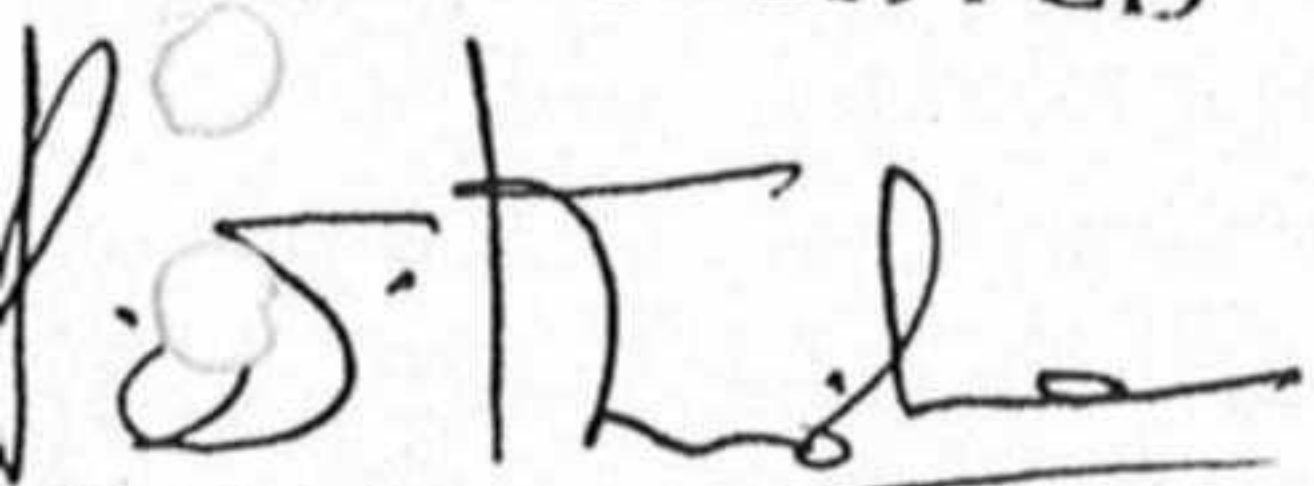
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6. W. Crook in "The Tribes and Castes of the North Western India"(Vol. II published by Cosmo Publication, Delhi, Reprinted in 1974, p-270) describes the caste Gaddi as "The caste of Muhammadan cowherds. They have been separately enumerated at the last census, but they are often regarded as a sub-caste of Ghosis. The Gaddi's are probably closely allied to the Ahirs, in fact, many of them are almost certainly Ahirs who have embraced Islam."
7. R.V. Russell and Hiralal in "The Tribes and Castes of the Central Provinces of India" (Vol.III, pp 32-35, Published by Asian Educational Services, New Delhi 1993) describes 'Ghosi' as "A caste of herdsmen belonging to northern India and found in the Central Provinces in Saugor and other districts of the Jubbulpore and Nerbudda Divisions..... A noticeable fact about the caste is that, while in Upper India they are all Muhammadans and it is considered to be partly on account of the difference in religion that they have become differentiated into a separate caste from the Ahirs - in the Central Provinces they are nearly all Hindus and show no trace of Muhammadan practices. A few Muhammadans Ghosis are found in Nimar and some Muhammadans who call themselves Gaddi in Mandla are believed to be Ghosis."
8. Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar National Institute of Social Sciences, Mahu, has conducted a research study on 'Gaddi' (Muslims) caste/community and submitted its report to Madhya Pradesh state Backward Classes commission in 1995. It is revealed from the report that most of the Gaddi caste/community people of Madhya Pradesh originally belong to Rajasthan. Basically Gaddi people were Rajputs with low social status. Their main occupation was wood cutting, cattle herding, to bring fodder for cattle and to work as a domestic servant in their master's houses. It is generally considered that forefathers of Gaddi people have been tortured and hated by the high caste Rajputs and it compelled them for conversion to Islam at a large scale during the rule of Allauddin Khilji. Gaddi caste/community people have migrated from Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The Muslim 'Gaddi' are known as 'Gaddi' only

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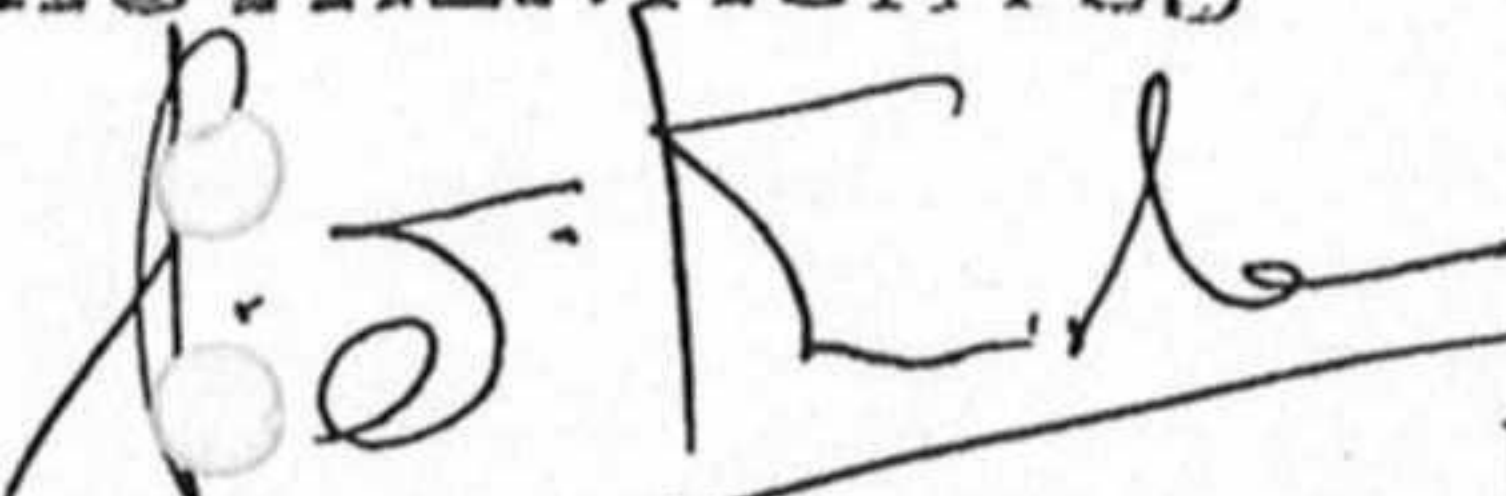
and there is no sub-caste/synonym of this caste/community. They are the Muslim counterpart of Hindu shepherds and wood-cutters and sellers. The social status of Gaddi is very low even among the Muslim community. They are cut off from the mainstream as they have separate Basti in the villages. It has been seen that in most of the places Gaddi community has their own separate Masjid for the prayer in spite of that there is no restrictions for entry into the Masjid to any person who profess Islam. The practice of early marriage of their daughters is prevailing in the Gaddi caste/community. Their Hindu counterparts such as, Gadaria, Ghosi, Dhangar, Ahir, Gavli are included in the List of Backward Classes. General illiteracy rate is 57.8% and women's illiteracy rate is 63.5% among Gaddis in the state, which is higher than the illiteracy rate of 'Ghosis' i.e. 40.9% (general) and 60.9% (women's illiteracy). 75% People live in Kachcha houses.

On the basis of the above facts and analysis, Dr. Baba Saheb, Ambedkar National Institute Social Sciences, Mahu have found 'Gaddi' caste/community as socially and educationally backward and recommended for its inclusion in the list of BCs.

9. Madhya Pradesh state commission has rejected the request for inclusion of 'Gaddi' caste/community in the state list of backward classes on the basis that the literacy rate/educational status of 'Gaddi' caste/community is higher than the literacy rate/educational status of the state by quoting, the survey report of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar National Institute of Social Sciences, as follows:

“महू संस्थान के सर्वेक्षण में इनका शैक्षणिक स्तर ऊपर बताया गया है अस्तु जिसका शैक्षणिक स्तर ऊपर है उसका सामाजिक स्तर भी पिछड़ा नहीं माना जा सकता । पिछड़े वर्ग में सम्मिलित करने के लिए शैक्षणिक व सामाजिक पिछड़ापन का आधार ही मान्य किया गया है । अतः उक्त प्रकरण अमान्य किया जाता है ।”

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The perusal of the report shows that there is no comparison between the literacy rate/educational status of the State and the 'Gaddi' caste/community, in it, hence the basis of rejection by the state Backward Classes Commission

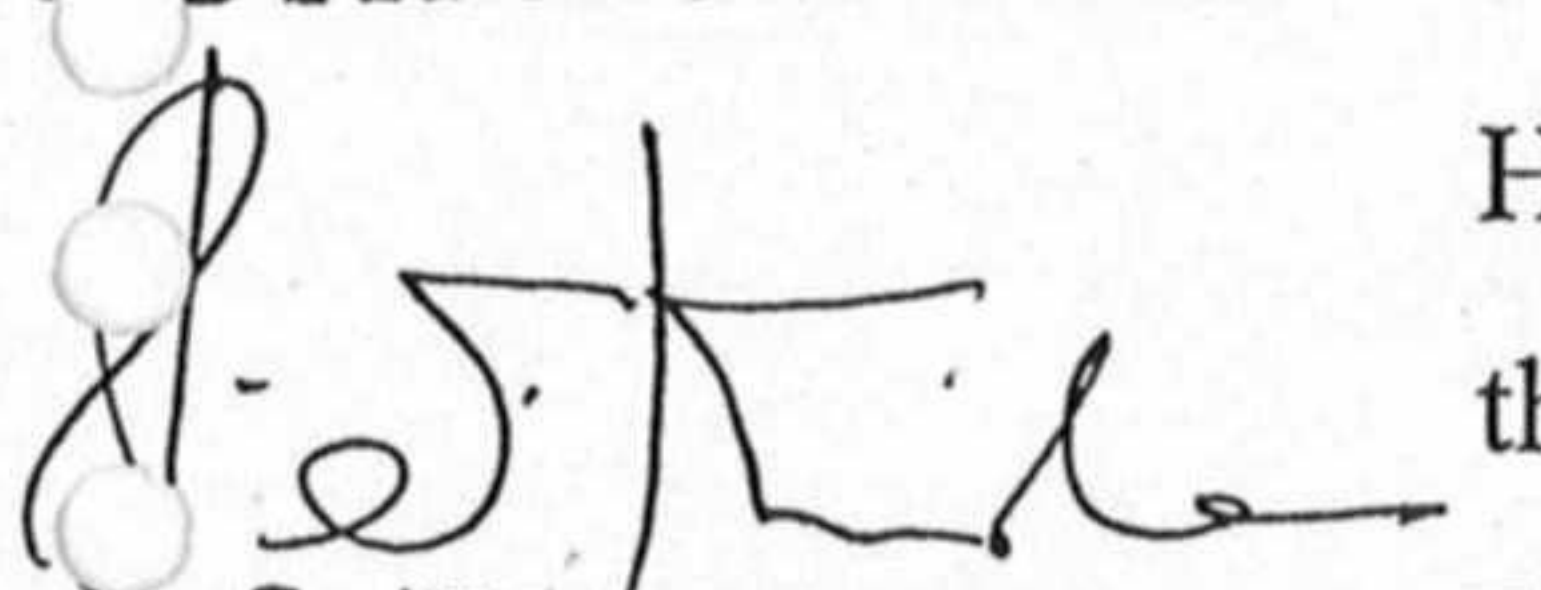
of request for inclusion of 'Gaddi' caste/community in the State List of Backward Classes is not based on correct factual position. On the other hand the analysis of the survey report of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar National Institute of Social Sciences, shows that the illiteracy rate of 'Gaddi' caste/community is higher compared to the illiteracy rate of 'Ghosi' caste/community which is a backward caste/community and already included in the State list. The literacy rate of state according to Census 1991 is 44.2% and by logical process i.e. by deducting the illiteracy rate of 'Gaddi' which is 57.8%, the literacy rate of 'Gaddi' comes to 42.2% and hence lower than the literacy rate of state. Therefore, the statement of the state commission regarding the literacy rate of the caste and its comparison to the state literacy rate is the result of the facts. Further the conclusion of the state of Backward Classes commission for not inclusion of 'Gaddi' caste/community in the State Backward Classes List as educationally and socially backward, is not corroborated by the findings in the survey report of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar National Institute of Social Sciences.

10. Hindu counterpart of Gaddi i.e. Ahir and Ghosi are included in the State List of Madhya Pradesh for Backward Classes at entry no.1 and 23 respectively and 'Ahir' is also included in the Central List of Backward Classes for the state of Madhya Pradesh at entry no.1. "Gaddi" is included in the Central List of Backward Classes for the state of Bihar, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

IV. Findings

11. From the above facts and evidence the Bench came to the finding that "Gaddi" is a socially, educationally and economically backward class. The Bench finds that the "Gaddi" caste/community has equal status as to its Hindu counter part i.e. Ahir and Ghosi, which have already been included in the State List of Backward Classes. Ahir is also included in the Central List

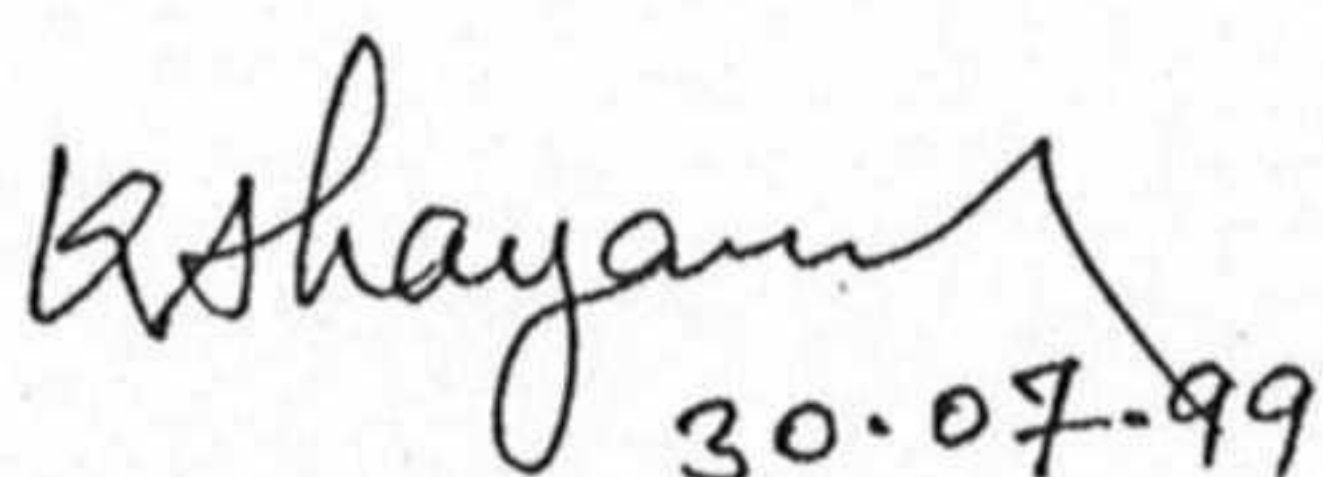
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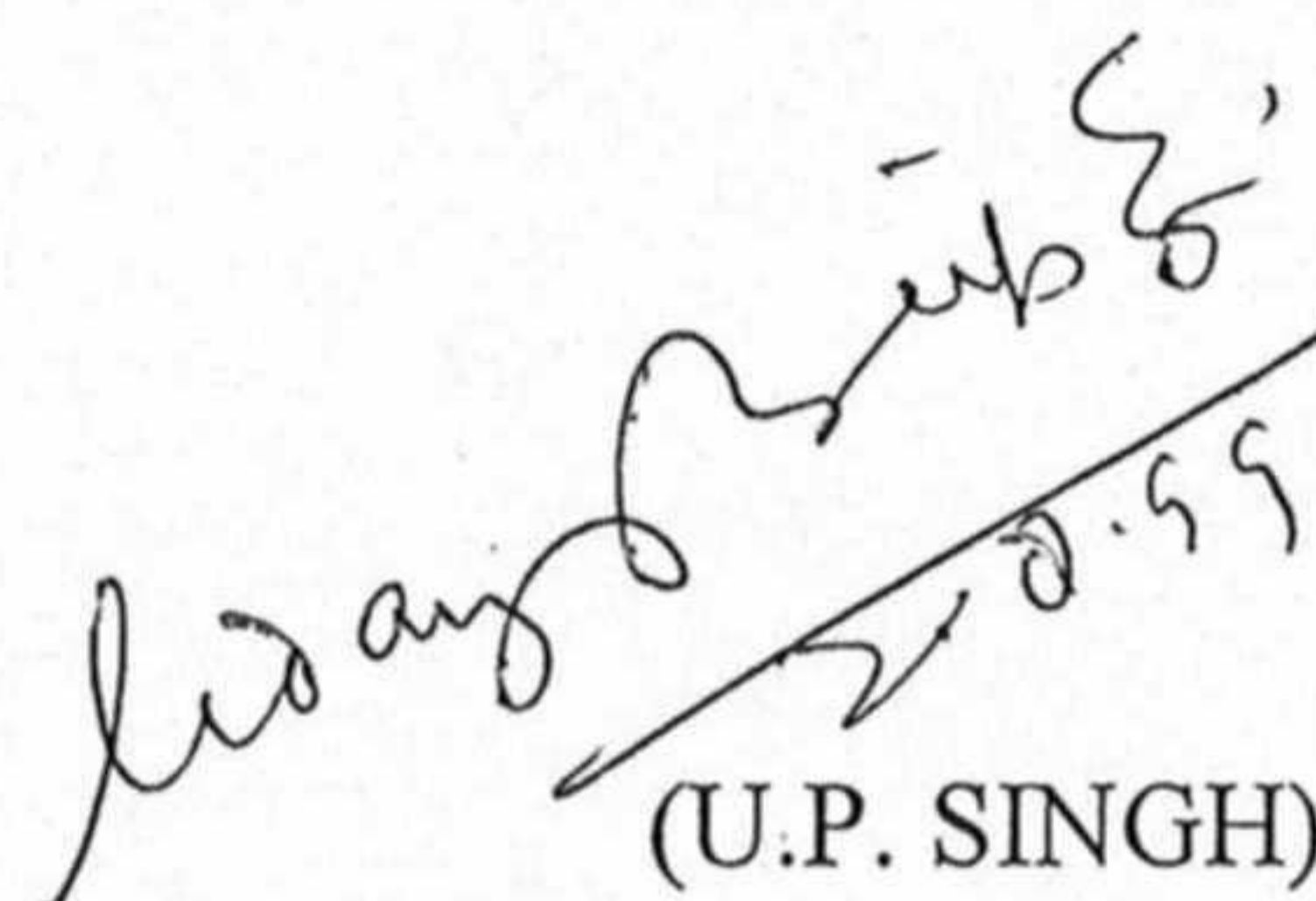
of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh. The Bench also finds that the caste/community is recommended by Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar National Institute of Social Sciences, Mahu for inclusion in the list of Backward Classes as this caste/community is socially & educationally backward. Therefore, it is the finding of the Bench that 'Gaddi' should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh as a new entry under Islamic Group at Sl. No.59(27) as follows :

"59(27) Gaddi"

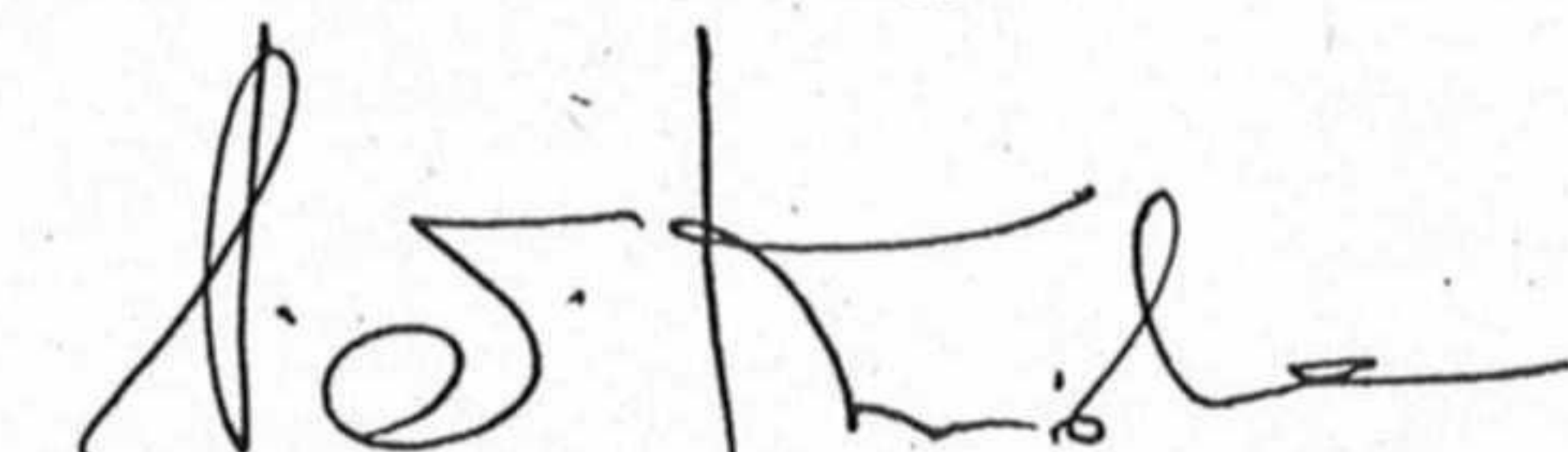
As one of the Member of the Bench, Shri Navtej Puadhi unfortunately passed away on 16.08.1998, subsequent to the public hearing, the Findings are formulated and signed only by two Members, including the coordinating member of the Bench.


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V. Advice Of The Commission

12. 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.

"Gaddi" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh as a new entry under Islamic Groups at Sl.No.59(27)

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