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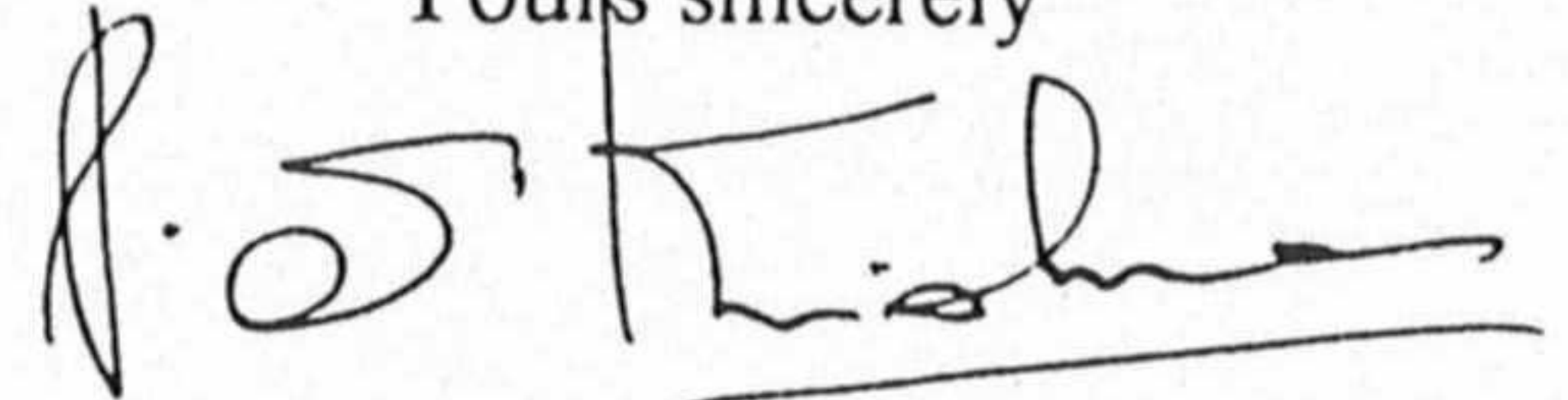
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**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES
MADHYA PRADESH BENCH
FINDINGS**

Case : Request for Inclusion of "Kaurav, Kawnra, Kaunrae" in the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of Madhya Pradesh.

PER: SHRI SAHU AKSHAYA BHAI, MEMBER

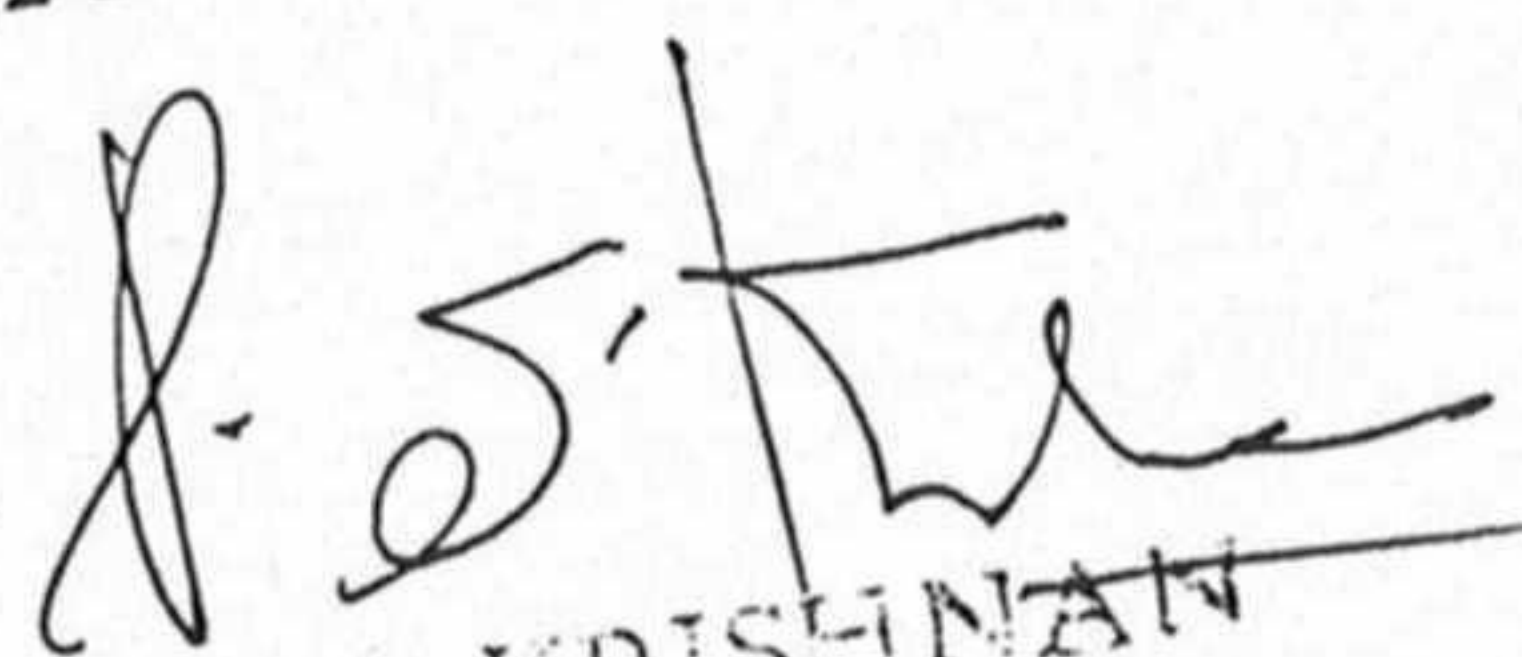
I. Request

This case arises out of the Requests received in this Commission from Shri Shyam Lal Patel, Secretary, and Sh. Govind Singh Patel, President, Zila Kaurav Sabha, Narsinghpur and Shri Prakash Singh Kaurav, Secretary, Akhil Bharatia Kaurav Kshetriya Sabha, Gwalior for the inclusion of "Kaurav, Kawnra, Kaunrae" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh.

II. Public Hearing

2. The three Member Madhya Pradesh Bench of the Commission, consisting of Hon'ble Members S/Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai, U.P. Singh and Navtej Puadhi, held a Public Hearing at Bhopal on 6.1.98 at Bhopal to examine the request for inclusion of 'Kaurav, Kawnra, Kaunrae' caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh. At the Public Hearing the State Government/Commission was represented by Shri A.L. Nahariya, Secretary and Shri N.R. Singh, Deputy Director of.

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State Commission for Backward Classes. The community was represented by Shri Pravin Kumar Kaurav.

II. Facts

3. 'Kaurav, Kawnra, Kaunrae' 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 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 that existed at that time and therefore did not satisfy the criterion of commonality. "Kaurav, Kaunrae" caste/community has been included in the State List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh in 1985 vide notification no. F 8-5 -Twenty five - 4-84 dated 26.12.84 at entry no. 41.
4. The information furnished in the NCBC Questionnaire by the Zila Kaurav Sabha, Narsighpur, Madhya Pradesh contains some facts to support their claim for inclusion of their caste in the Central List of Backward Classes as under:
 - (i) The caste/community is largely concentrated in Narsinghpur and Bhind districts and spread in other districts of Madhya Pradesh namely Hoshangabad, Jabalpur, Raisen, Bhopal, Khandwa, Vidisha, Gwalior and Datia. Total population of the caste/community in Madhya Pradesh is stated to be 6.36 lakhs which is 2% of the total OBC population in the state and 0.96% of the total population of the state.
 - (ii) The occupation on which the members of the caste/community mainly depend for livelihood is cultivation, agricultural labour. The women of the caste/community are engaged in agricultural labour for wages and

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work on their family land. The children are engaged in agricultural labour to supplement family income. Majority (60%) of the caste/community people are landless manual labourers, 39.5% are engaged in cultivation of own land and 0.5% are engaged in public and private sector services like clerk, teacher, gram sevak, gram sachiv etc. There is one M.L.A. belonging to the caste/community and two Members of Zila Panchayat.

- (iii) The literacy rate of the caste/community in the state is 10 % (63,600) as compared to the state literacy rate of 44.2 % (Census 1991). The percentage of caste/community people having educational qualification of matriculation & graduation is extremely low. Only 1 %(6000) are matriculates and 0.15 %(1000) graduates. The proportion of educated females is extremely low i.e 3200.
- (iv) Majority of the population live in 'Kachha Houses' percentage quoted as 90 %.
- (v) Number of posts in the services of the State Government held by the members of the caste/community are as under:

Group A/class I	1
Group B/class II	10
Group C/class III	250
Group D/class IV	50

Number of posts in state level public undertakings, autonomous /semi-autonomous establishments held by the members of the caste/community are as under:

Teachers in colleges and universities – 5

Doctor - 1

Lawyers – 10

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Number of posts under the Central Government held by the members of the caste/community are stated as under:

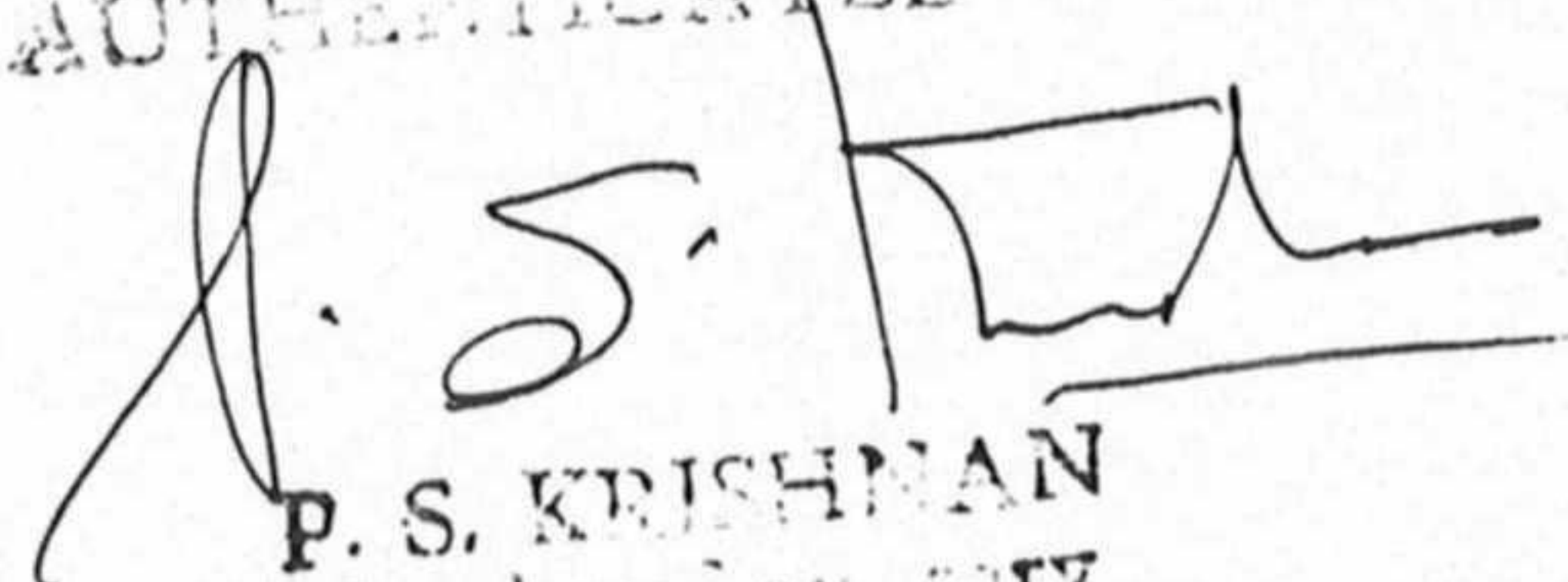
Group A- 1

Group C- 25

Group D- 25

- (vi) The "Kirar and Kurmi" castes/communities have been reported as higher in order of social hierarchy level, which are included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh. Lodhi has been stated to be at the same level in social order which finds place in Central List of Backward Classes.
5. The representative of the caste/community told the Bench during the Public Hearing that the traditional occupation of the caste is agriculture. Mostly the caste/community people are residing in Gwalior, Datia and Narsinghpur. They are socially, educationally and economically poor and many of them do not possess land for agricultural purposes and earn their livelihood as agricultural labourers. The population of the caste in the state is 6 lakhs. It is also informed that due to lack of educational facilities in the villages, most of the female members of the community are illiterate. The representation of the castes/communities in the government services is very low. Yadav, Kurmi, Lodhi castes/communities are at higher level; Teli, Chamar are at lower level and Gujjar, Kirar are at equal level and these castes are already included in the list of BCs. Some people believe that this caste/community's people are descendent of Kaurava's of Mahabharata.
6. The request maker gave a hand written 'Kaurav lineage' and a magazine titled 'Kaurav Sandesh Patrika' which indicates that in the caste system, this community is regarded as Kshatriya.

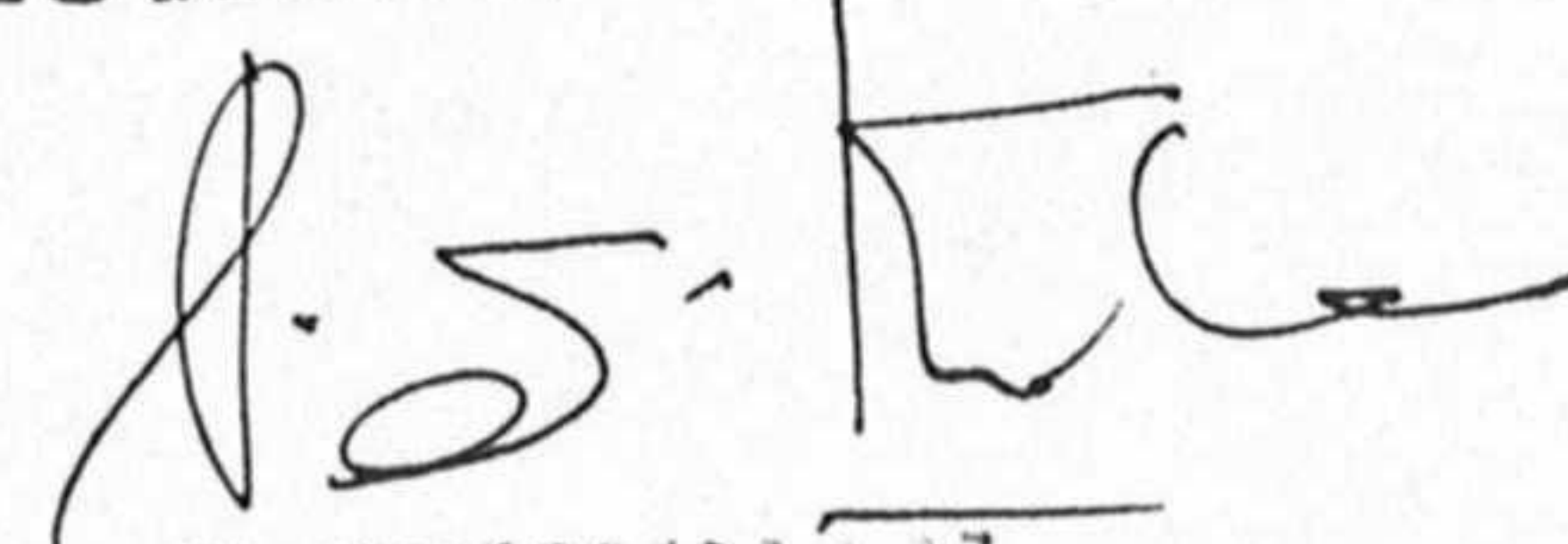
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7. K.S. Singh described the caste in 'India's Communities' (Vol-V, pp.1617 Anthropological Survey of India, 1998, New Delhi) as "Kauraw also called Kaunrae, they are a community of Madhya Pradesh who claim descent from the Kaurawa of Mahabharata. The Kauraw are distributed in the Raisen, Bhind, Morena, Gwalior and Narsinghpur districts. They follow Hinduism and celebrate Holi, Rakhi, Diwali, Dussehra, Sankranti and some other festivals.----- The Kauraw are mostly landowners and agriculturists. A few of them are in government services and some work as labourers. They sell their surplus agricultural produce in the nearby markets. Since Independence, the community has improved its economy due to better agricultural yields. The Kauraw maintain cordial relationships with all other communities . The Brahman, Rajput and Bania traditionally accept water and pucca food from them. Being agriculturists, they avail themselves of the services from the Luhar, Badhai, Basodi, Dhobi, Nai who are paid in kind and cash. ----They educate their children and adopt family planning programs."
8. In the filled up NCBC Questionnaire the reason for their backwardness has been mentioned as economic and educational backwardness. No where they have mentioned that they are socially backward.
9. In the letter head of 'Kaurav Samaj' the names of office bearers of the Samaj are given as Raghuraj Chaudhri, President, Govind Singh Patel, Coordinator, Rao Kumarendra Singh, Vice President, Shyamlal Patel, Secretary. Ramesh Kumar Choudhri, Kunwar Narayan Singh, Sangthan Mantri, etc. the use of surname/gotra/lineage as Patel, Choudhri, Kunwar, etc. alongwith the names of these office bearers indicates that they belong to higher Hindu landlord castes.

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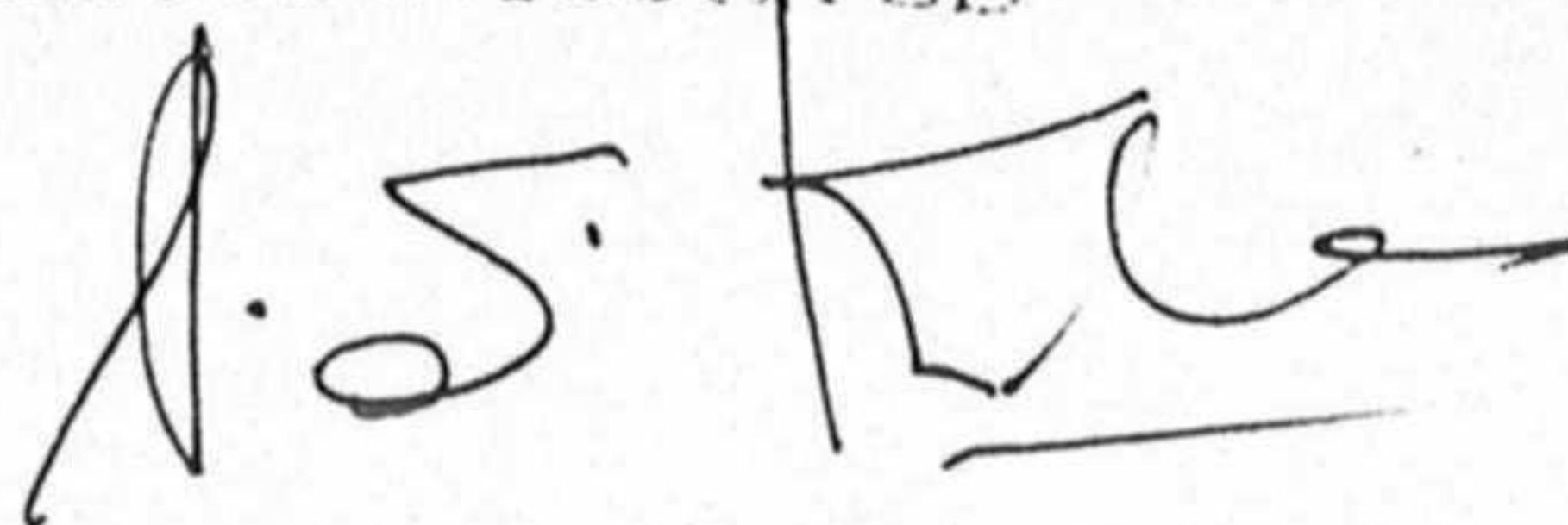


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IV Findings

From the above facts and evidences, it is evinced that "Kaurav, Kawnra, Kaunrae" is a land owning agriculturists community and the high caste people that is Brahmin Rajput and Bania traditionally accept water and pucca food from them. Every landowning caste/community is not a peasant caste/community and this caste/ community though landowning can not be called a peasant community. Even the caste in the filled-up questionnaire have nowhere stated that they are socially backward. They have claimed backwardness tag only on the basis of the educational and economic backwardness which independently not sustainable. They have in the filled-up questionnaire given the educational figures of literacy, matriculates, graduates and women literacy which are lower than even the SCs & STs of the State of Madhya Pradesh, which is impossible as the educational rate for SCs & STs is lowest in all the States. Their argument for assigning them the backward tag on the basis of the literacy rate even assuming that the educational figures as given by them are true does not strengthen the case as any caste which does not suffer from any kind of social disability, is not likely to be significantly backward on educational front. The furnishing of such impossible figures and statistics affects the credibility of the request makers and their representatives and therefore, the information supplied by the caste/community and their claim of being socially, educationally and economically backward becomes highly suspect and appears to have been made with sole purpose of getting themselves included in the list of backward classes for availing of the benefit. The traditional occupation of the caste, in terms of the caste system is not regarded to be lowly, undignified, unclean. The Mahajan Commission which was set up by the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh for identifying the BCs in the State, while identifying and recommending the inclusion of Kaurav, Kaunrae have not given any reason in support of its findings and conclusions. The available ethnographic literature and the facts which were made available during

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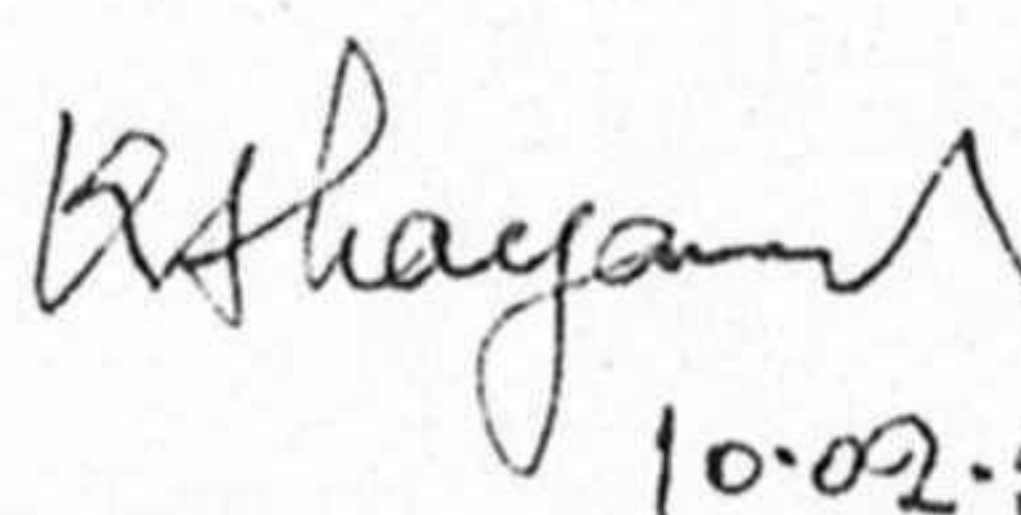
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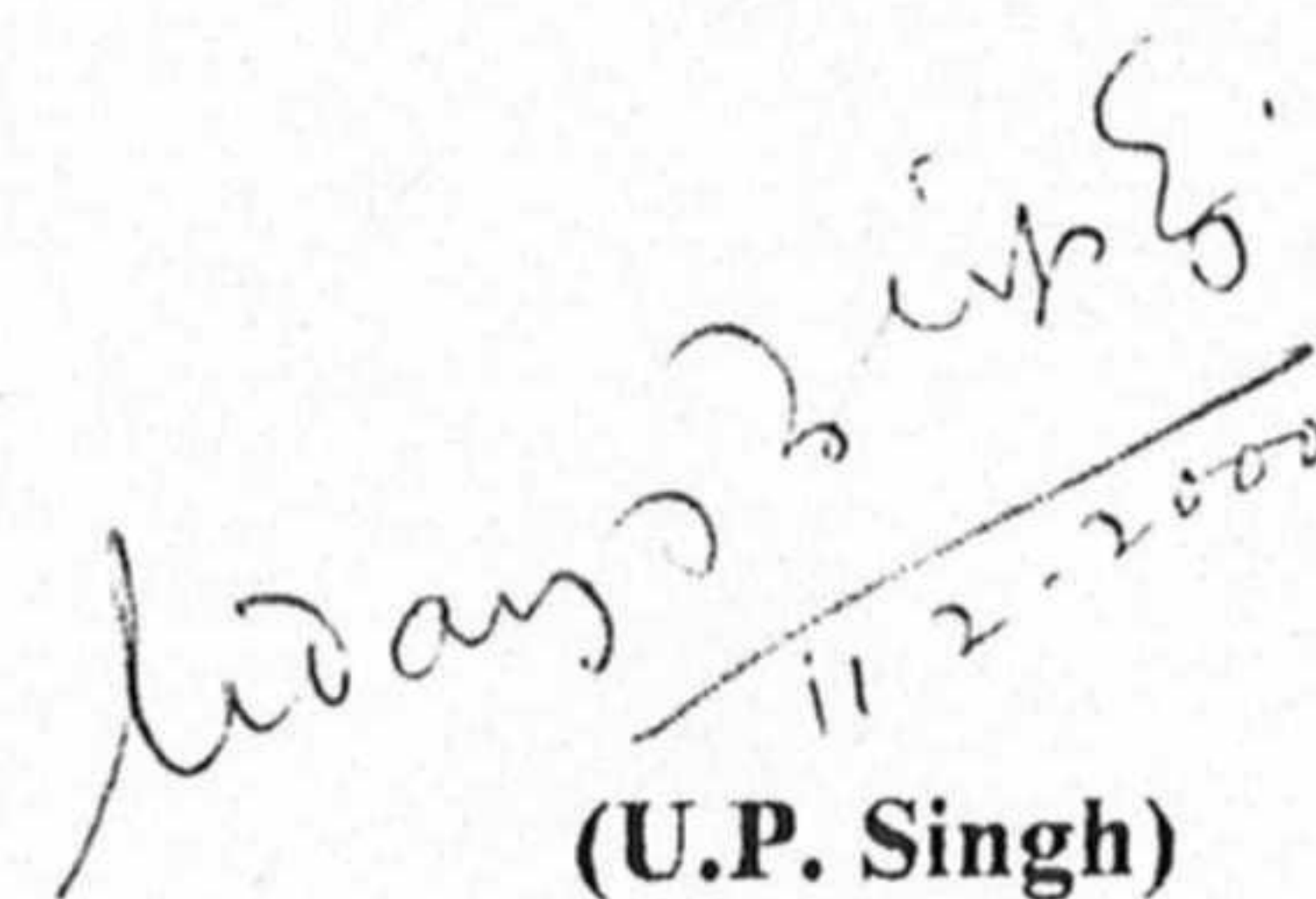
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the public hearing do not establish the social and educational backwardness of the caste. Therefore the Bench recommends that the request for inclusion of Kaurav, Kawnra, Kaunrae, should be rejected.

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

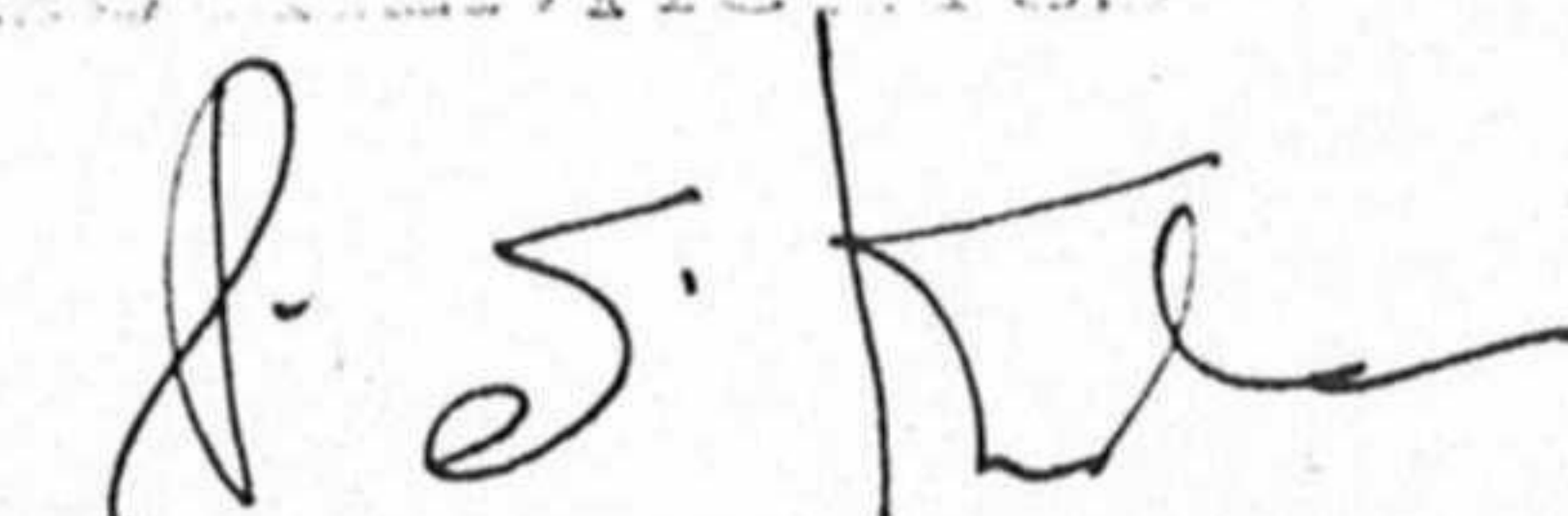

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IV. Advice of the Commission

11. The commission considered and agreed in full with the above findings of the Madhya Pradesh Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government under section 9 (1) of the NCBC Act 1993.

The request for inclusion of Kaurav, Kawnra, Kaunrae' in the Central List of Backward Classes for Madhya Pradesh be rejected being socially forward.

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10.02.2000

Aravind Singh
11.2.2000

Dr. S. K. Singh
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P. S. Krishnan
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Ch. G. Sreenivasulu
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