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NCBC Advice No. UP 84/99

23.04.1999

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 "Mukeri, Ranki, Mekrani" as sub-castes/synonyms of 'Banjara' 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 NCBC Act.

2. With this, Advices on 605 (315 for Inclusion + 290 for rejection) castes, sub-castes, synonyms etc. have been tendered to the Government by the Commission, after its reconstitution in 1997, of which 599 (309 for Inclusion + 290 for Rejection) are still pending with the Government for Notification.

Yours sincerely

(P.S.KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated.

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National Commission for Backward Classes

U.P. Bench

Findings

Case:- Request for inclusion of Mukeri, Ranki, Mekrani as synonyms of 'Banjara' in the Central List of Backward Classes for U.P.

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Per Justice P.K. Shyamsundar

I. Request

This case arises from the Request received in this Commission from Shri Noorul Hasan Mekrani, Inter National Mukeri Tanzeem, Chhawani, Bahraich (U.P.) for inclusion of Mukeri, Ranki, Mekrani as synonyms of 'Banjara' in the Central List of Backward Classes for U.P. Earlier a request has been made by All India Muslims Backward Classes Federation, M.P. Branch, Bhopal for inclusion of Mukeri as a synonym of Kasai caste. The Commission vide Advice No.56/UP/98 dated 31-12-98 rejected the request inter alia making a suggestion that a new request for inclusion of Mukeri as synonym of Banjara could be made. The present application has been received in pursuance of that and currently under consideration.

II. Public Hearing

2. The three-Member Bench of the Commission consisting of Hon'ble Chairperson Justice P.K. Shyamsundar, Hon'ble Members Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai and Shri U.P. Singh held a Public Hearing to examine

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the Request of the community for inclusion in the Central List of Backward Classes for Uttar Pradesh at Allahabad on 24-02-99. The State Government was represented by Shri H.S. Yadav, Special Secretary, Backward Classes Welfare Department. The Caste/Community was represented by Mr. Akbar Ali Mekrani, Mr. Tauqir Hasan and Mr. Anwar Ali.

III. Facts

3. Mukeri, Ranki, Mekarani have not been included in the Mandal List.

4. The State Government on advice of the State Commission for Backward Classes, included Mukeri, Ranki, Mukerani as synonyms of Banjara caste/community in the State List of Backward Classes for U.P. vide notification NO.1259/64-1-97-70-96 date 15-09-97 as

"31. Banjara, Ranki, Mukeri and Mukerani"

5. The NCBC's Questionnaire filled in and submitted by Shri Taukeer Hasan contains the following information:-

- i) Banjara is the main caste/community and Mukeri, Ranki, and Mekrani are sub-castes/sub-communities/synonyms.
- ii) The main occupation of the sub-castes/sub-communities/synonyms is grain porting which involves manual work.
- iii) Of the adult members of the caste/community approx. 80 percent are engaged in agricultural labour for wage.

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- iv) The caste/community categorised as Tribe/Nomadic caste.
- v) Approximately, 2 percent members of the caste/community are literates.

6. At the Public Hearing the representatives of the caste/sub-caste/community stated that Mukeri, Ranki, Mekrani are sub-communities/synonyms for Banjara. As the members of the sub-castes/sub-communities/synonyms were facing some problems in getting certificates in the name of Banjara, they requested to include 'Ranki', 'Mukeri', 'Mekrani' as synonyms of Banjara in the State List and these synonyms have been included in the State List. They requested to include these names in the Central List of Backward Classes for U.P. also. About their traditional occupation they stated that their occupation is grain porting. Socially they are considered backward.

7. W.Crooke in his work, 'The Tribes and castes of North-Western India' has a mention of Mukeri Banjara as sub-caste of Banjara caste. Under the Title Banjara he writes, "Banjara- A tribe whose primary occupation is, or rather used to be, to act as grain carriers and suppliers to armies in the field. Their name is derived from the Sanskrit Vanijya-Kara, "a merchant.".....

The Mukeri Banjaras in the northern parganas of Bareilly assert that they derive their name from Mecca (Makka), which one of their Naiks, who had his camp (Tanda) in the vicinity, assisted Father Abraham in building. Leaving Mecca, they came and resided in Jhajjar, where their illustrious name become corrupted from Makkai to Mukeri".

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According to R.V. Russell and Hira Lal (The Tribes and Castes of the Central Provinces of India (Asian Educational Services, New Delhi, Reprint, 1993 Vol.-II. pp. 162-192), Mukeri is a sub-caste of Banjara.

8. The State Commission for Backward Classes, U.P. while considering the request for inclusion of Mukeri, Ranki, Mekrani as synonyms of Banjara in the State List, held that Ranki, Mukeri, Mekrani are sub-castes of Banjara cast and recommended for inclusion of the same in the State List of OBCs.

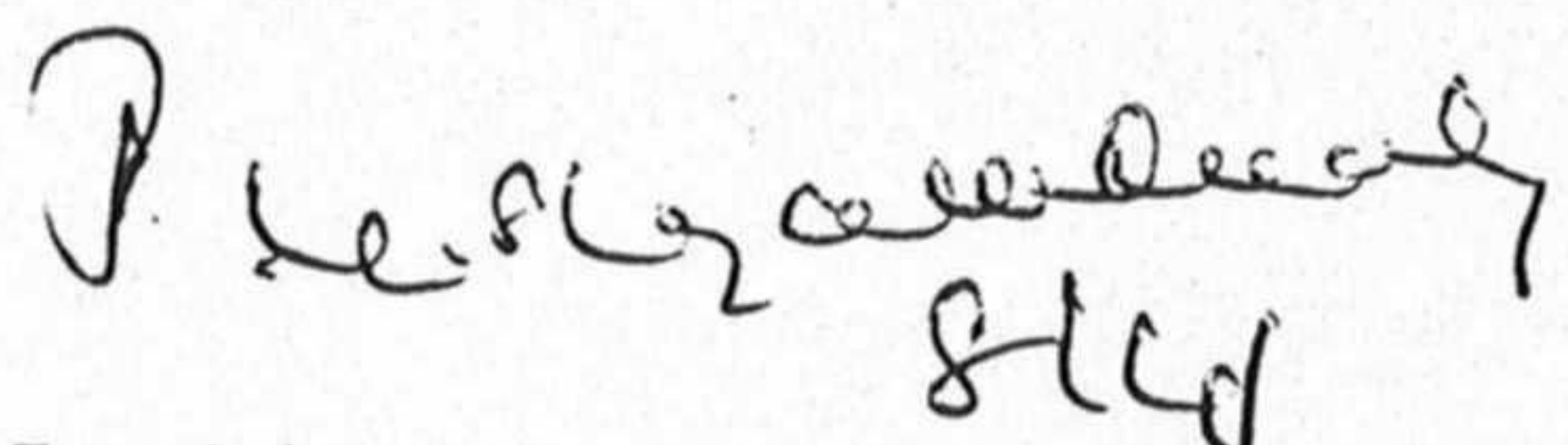
9. 'Banjara' caste has been included in the Central List of Backward Classes for U.P. at Sl.No.30 as:-

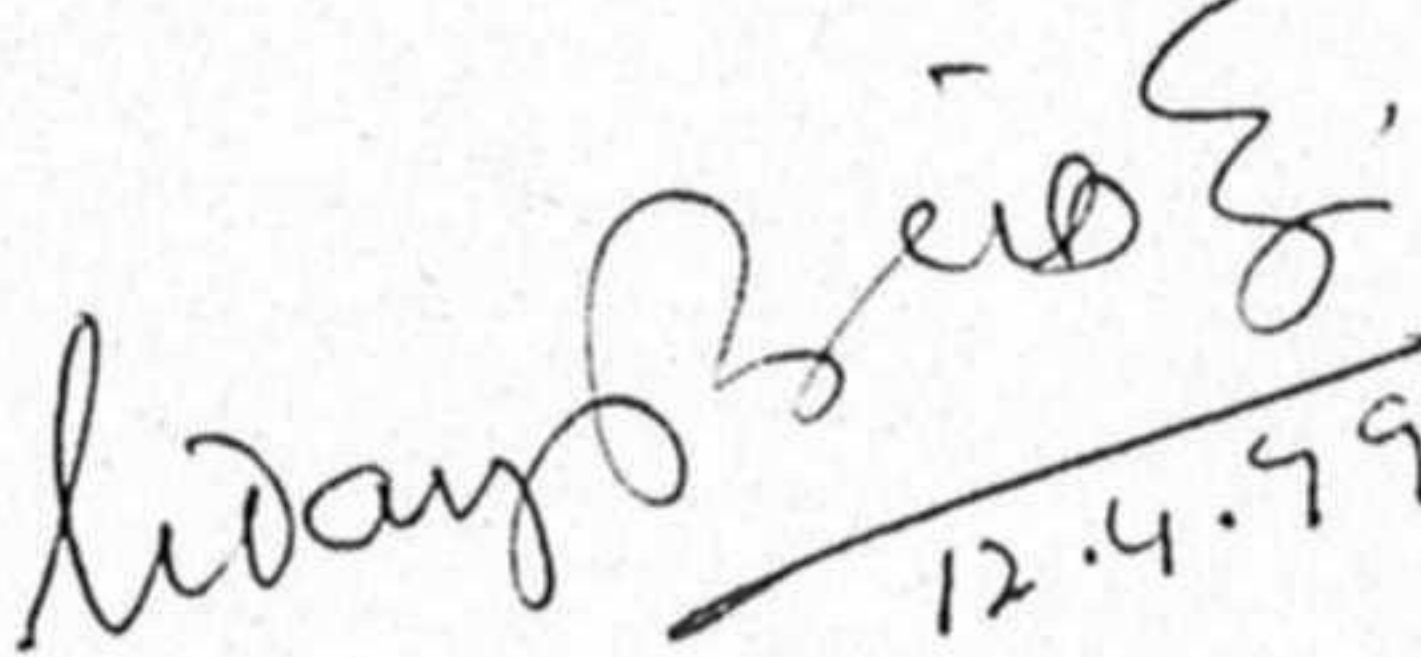
"30.Banjara"

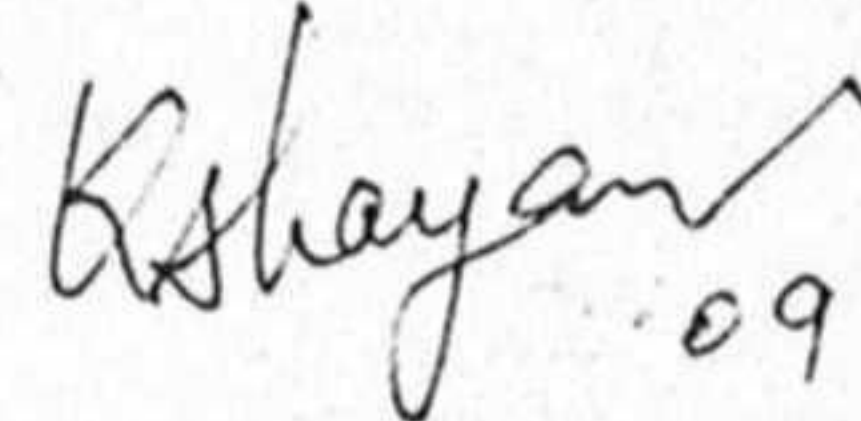
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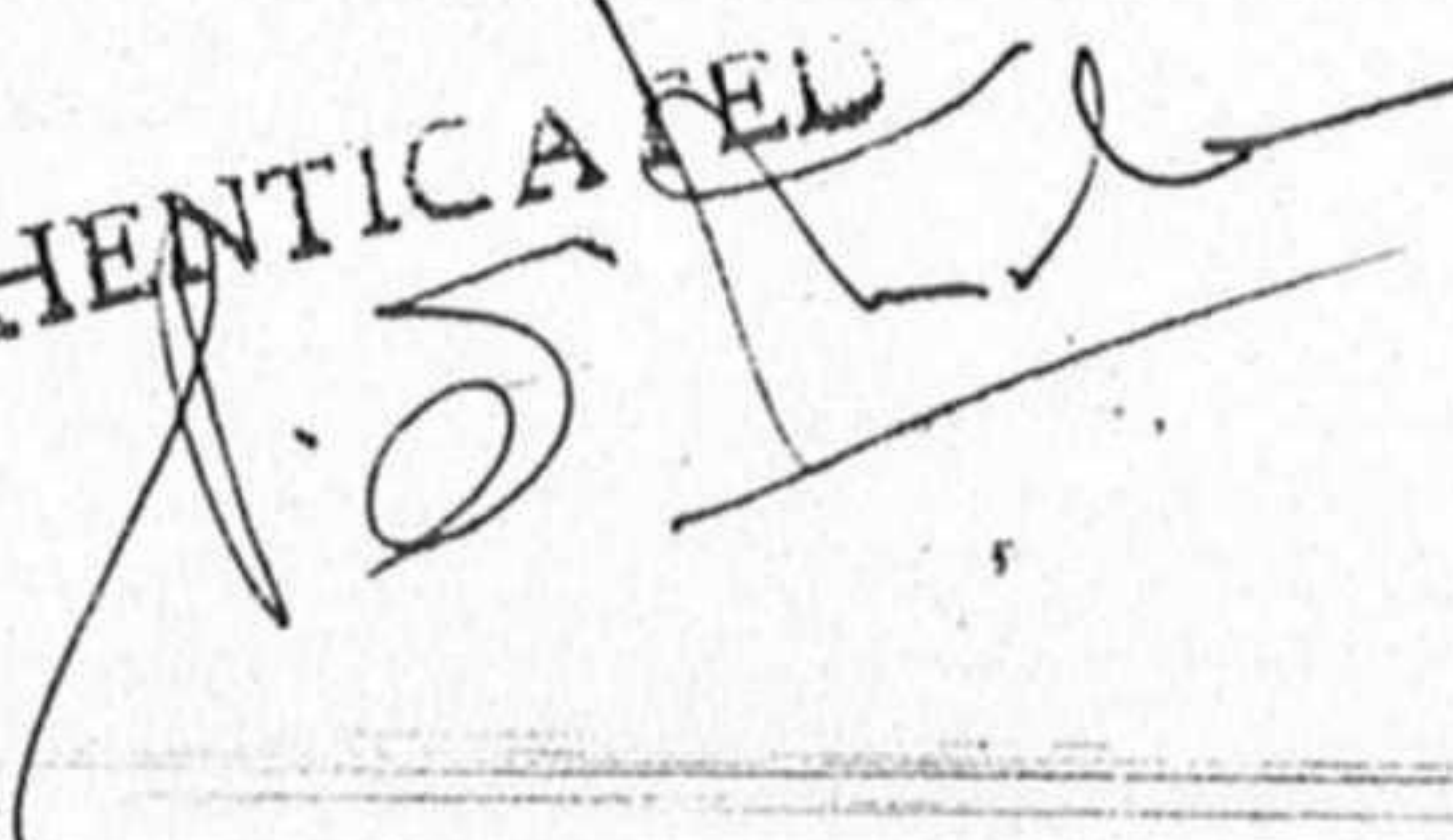
10. on the basis of the foregoing facts, the Bench holds that Mukeri, Ranki, Mekrani are sub-castes/synonyms of Banjara Caste in U.P. As the main caste Banjara has already been included in the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of U.P. at Sl.No.30, Mukeri, Ranki, Mekrani be included as subcastes, synonyms of Banjara so as the amended entry reads as:-

"30. Banjara, Mukeri, Ranki, Mekrani"


(Justice P.K. Shyamsundar)


(U.P. Singh)


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V. Advice of the Commission

11. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the above Findings and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993:-

Mukeri, Ranki, Mekrani be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for U.P. at Sl.No.30 as subcastes, synonyms of Banjara caste so as the amended entry reads as:-

"30.Banjara, Mukeri, Ranki, Mekrani".

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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P. S. Thakur
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