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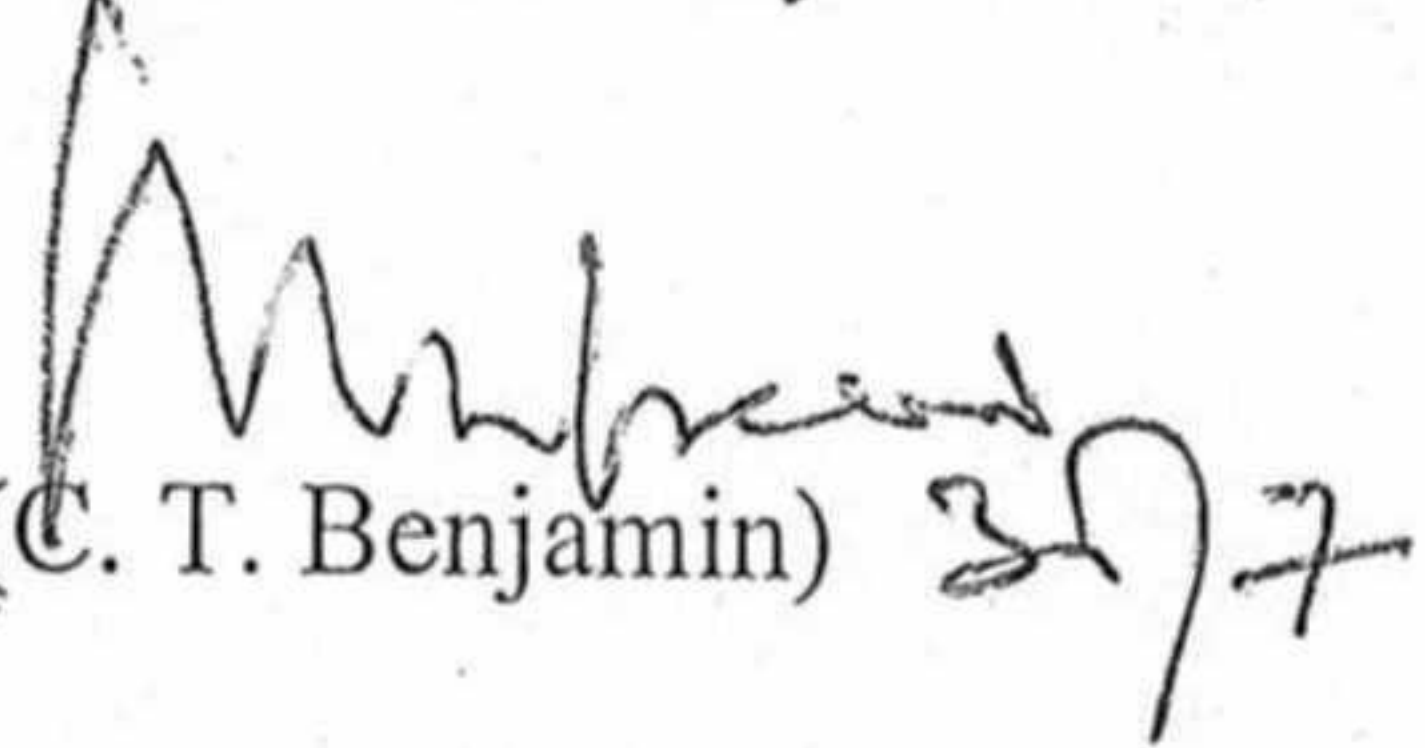
30. 07. 2003

Dear Shri Baswan,

I am sending herewith the advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9(1) of the National Commission for Backward Classes Act (1993), for rejection of the request for inclusion of "Toorpu Chalukya Kapu" caste/community in the Central list of backward classes for Andhra Pradesh, duly authenticated, for necessary action by the Central government under Section 9(2) of the Act.

With regards,

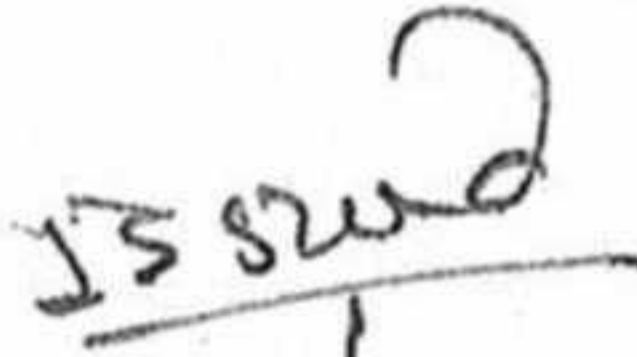
Yours sincerely


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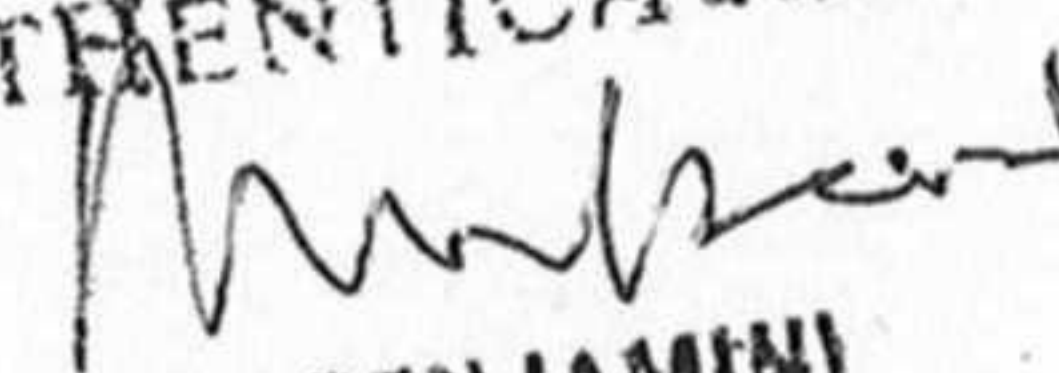
Case: Request for inclusion of "**Toorpu Chalukya Kapu**" caste/community in the Central list of backward classes for Andhra Pradesh.

I. Request

This case arises from the request made to the Commission by the "Thurpu Chalukya Kapu Welfare Society", Warangal, Andhra Pradesh for inclusion of "Toorpu Chalukya Kapu" in the Central list of backward classes for Andhra Pradesh.

II. Public Hearing

2. A bench of the Commission consisting of Hon'ble Justice Ram Surat Singh, Chairperson, Shri M. S. Matharoo and Smt. Neera Shastri, Hon'ble Members held a public hearing at Hyderabad on 28th January, 2003 to examine the above request. At the public hearing the State Government was represented by Shri Simhadri, Jt. Director, Deptt. of Backward Classes Welfare, Shri R. Sreenivasulu, Dy. Director and other officers in the office of the Commissioner for Backward Classes Welfare. Shri N. Chandrasekhar Reddy, Asst. Secretary and Smt. V. Pratima, Dy. Director represented the office of the State Backward Classes Commission. The caste/community was represented by Shri Narasinga Rao, President Thurup Chalukya Kapu Welfare Society, Warangal and Shri K. Mohan Rao.

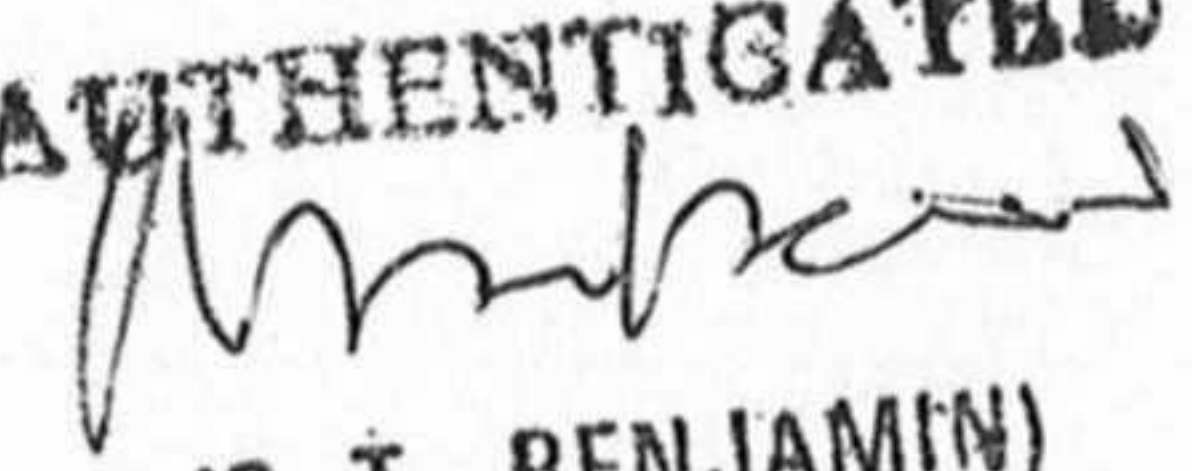
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III. Facts

3. "Toorpu Chalukya Kapu" caste/community is not included in the Central list of backward classes for Andhra Pradesh because at the time of the preparation of the Central list in 1993 on the basis of the principle of commonality, it was not included in both the Mandal Commission's list of backward classes for Andhra Pradesh and the Andhra Pradesh State Government's list of backward classes, and therefore did not satisfy the criterion of commonality.

4. "Thurpu Chalukya Kapu Welfare Society", Warangal, Andhra Pradesh in their letter of request dated 05.02.2002 has stated that they belong to 'Telaga' community which also has sub-castes such as Kapu, Balija, Ontari, Muunur Kapu, Gajula Balija, Gajula Kapu, Setti Balija of Rayalaseema, etc. "Thurupu Chalukya Kapu" families reside in Telengana region in the districts of Warangal, Khammam, Nalgonda and Karimnagar etc. The community is very small comprising about 325 families with about 1600 to 2100 members. There is no proper recognition about the community in the society. Due to illiteracy, the community is socially and educationally very backward. Members of the community are very poor. Though the community is called as "Kalyani Chalukyas", this is not the caste name but it only indicates the place from which the community migrated long ago. After independence, "we used to say that we belong to Kapu community. Those members of the other Kapu/Telaga community groups of AP who have no proper knowledge and understanding about us do not recognize us as belonging to Kapu/Telaga community. But, now the Telaga Mahasabha and Telaga Porata Samithi have accepted us as one of Kapu communities.Therefore, it is essential now to recognize "Thurupu Chalukya Kapu" as Kapu caste and it should be included in the list of backward classes. ... Without governmental recognition, our families may not be recognized as Kapu caste/community.

5. In the NCBC's Questionnaire filled by the Toorpu Chalukya Kapu Welfare Society, the main name of the caste is given as "Toorpu Chalukya Kapu (Under Kapu community)". The names sub-castes/sub-communities/synonyms is given as "Munnur, Munnur Kapu, Gone Kapu, Motati Kapu, etc." Occupation on which members of the

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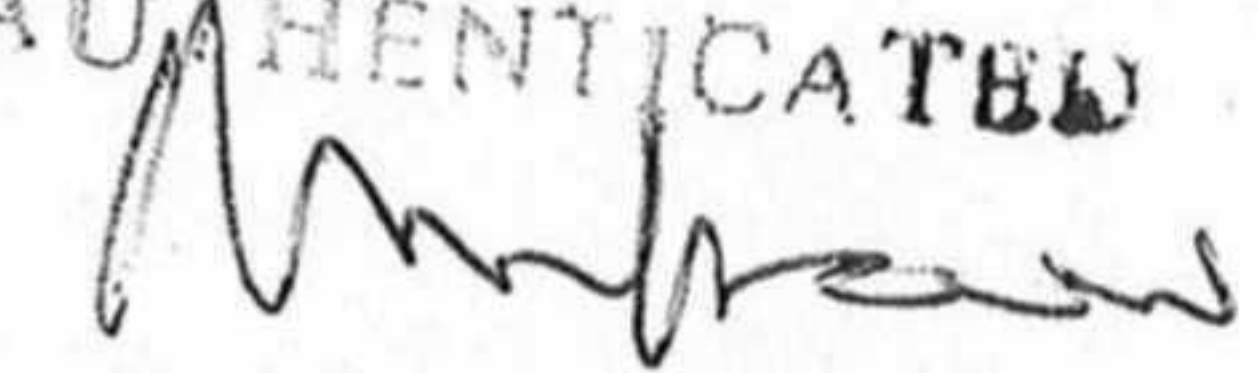
caste/community mainly depend for their livelihood is given as "agriculture". It is clarified that "very few are having land. 95% of the people are working class people" and that "more are engaged in manual labour rendered for wages. Only a few are manual labourers on own land". It is further mentioned in the questionnaire that "a few are Ayurveda medical practitioners". Their women are, as a general practice, engaged in agricultural labour for wage. A few children are also engaged in agricultural labour. Occupation-wise break up of the population is given as follows:-

Agricultural labour for wage	80%
Other manual labour for wage	10%
Cultivation of own land	5%
Other occupations	
(Teachers, clerks, attenders)	5%

Female literates are stated to be only 30. Number of matriculates among the caste members is only 35, which include 8 females. While the number of total graduates among the community is not mentioned in the questionnaire, female graduates are stated to be 6 in number. 90% of the families of the caste/community are stated to be living in 'kachcha' houses and only 10% are in 'pucca' houses. The number of members of the community in services of the State Government is given as "Group C/Class III 8% and Group D/Class IV 12%". It is also stated that there is "Nil" representation for the community in the Central government services.

6. During the public hearing, Shri Narasinga Rao, President, "Thurpu Chalukya Kapu Welfare Society", Warangal stated that Toorpu Chalukya Kapu is part of the Kapu/Telaga caste group and it should be recognised as such and included in the list of backward classes. He further stated that most of the community members are residing in rural areas in miserable conditions. They are mostly cultivators. Those who are not cultivators, are industrial labourers, cycle repairers, soda-hawkers etc. Some are rural ayurveda doctors.

7. Dr. Gurukula Mitra, who appeared before the bench representing the Telaga

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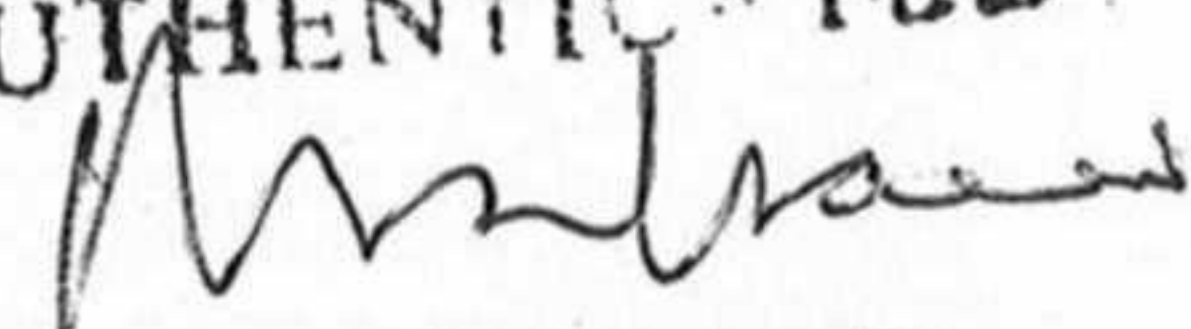
Telaga/Kapu caste/community. He supported the inclusion of Toorpu Chalukya Kapu in the list of backward classes.

8. At the public hearing, representatives of some backward classes' organisations/associations opposed the inclusion of "Toorpu Chalukya Kapu" in the list of backward classes. Shri Kondala Rao, Vice-President, BC Affairs, Gowda Officials and Professionals Association, AP stated that the members of this community were earlier kings by the name of Chalukyas. They are not socially and educationally backward. They are very rich in coastal regions. They claim to be Kapus and hence they are an exploiting class and they have never been an exploited class. Shri Venkateswar Rao of the BC Welfare Association also opposed the inclusion of Toorpu Chalukya Kapu on the ground that they are not a socially and educationally backward caste/community.

9. "Toorpu Chalukya Kapu" caste/community is not found included in the list of backward classes recommended by the different Backward Classes Commissions set up by the State Government, namely, Anantharaman Commission (1968-1970) and Muralidhara Rao Commission (1982). The caste/community is not discussed in the reports of these two Commissions.

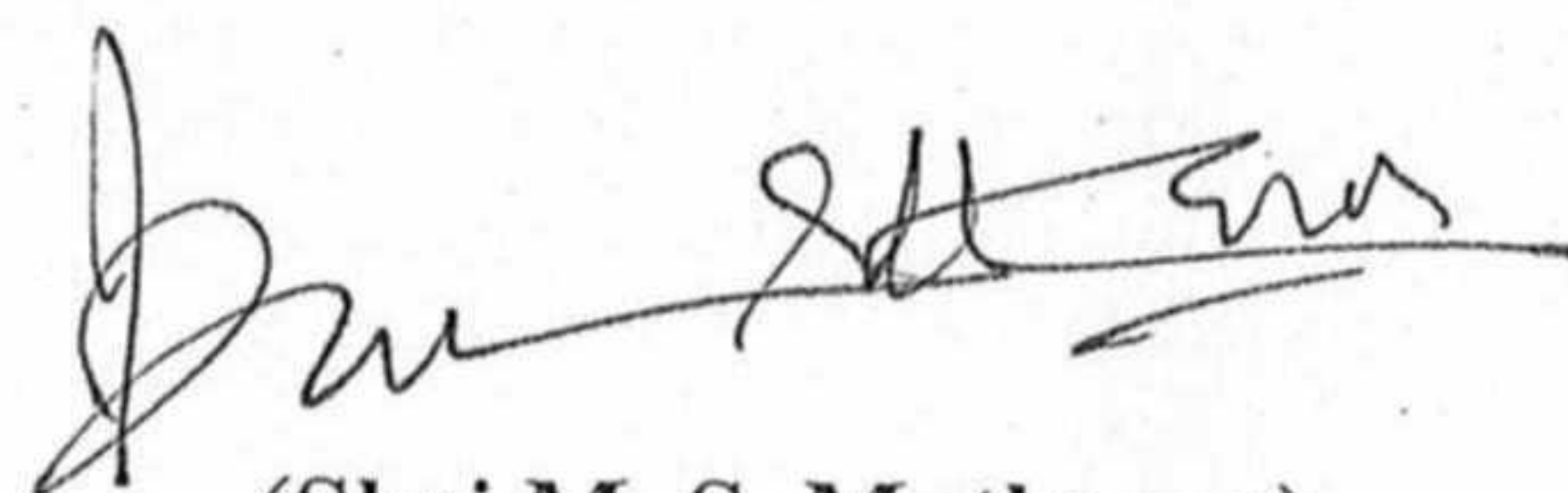
IV. Findings

10. From the evidence adduced before the bench by the representatives of the community as well as others who were present during the hearing, the bench finds that "Toorpu Chalukya Kapu" caste/community is a sub-caste/community of the larger Kapu/Talaga caste group. The NCBC has already tendered advice to the Central government vide NCBC Advice No. AP 55/2002 dated 04.07.2002 for rejection of the request for inclusion of this caste group, namely, "Kapu, Telaga, Baliya, Ontari". It has been mentioned in that advice that 'Kapu, Telaga and Ontari' is a group of castes/communities which historically had close connections. Historically they appear to have started as a warrior class with all the privileges attached to such a class including ownership of land in the form of *inam etc.* granted by the erstwhile local rulers, and later

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they evolved into cultivators. Baliyas were originally a trading class. Later they also became cultivators. There is no evidence to suggest that this group of communities has ever suffered from any social backwardness comparable to the backwardness of the numerous backward castes/communities which were traditionally associated with lowly, menial and undignified occupations and menial services. Their social position in the post-independence period seems to have only improved as many of those among them who were tenant cultivators also got the ownership of land with the help of the agrarian legislations. In view of these, it is the conclusion of the bench that "Toorpu Chalukya Kapu" community which is part of the larger Kapu/Telaga caste/community group does not constitute a socially backward class and therefore it does not merit inclusion in the list of backward classes. The request for inclusion of "Toorpu Chalukya Kapu" in the Central list of backward classes should therefore be rejected.

(Justice Ram Surat Singh)

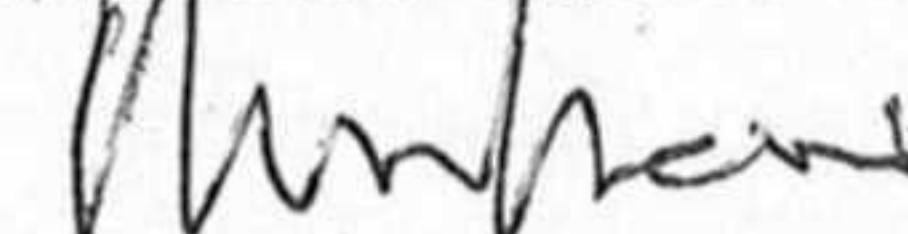


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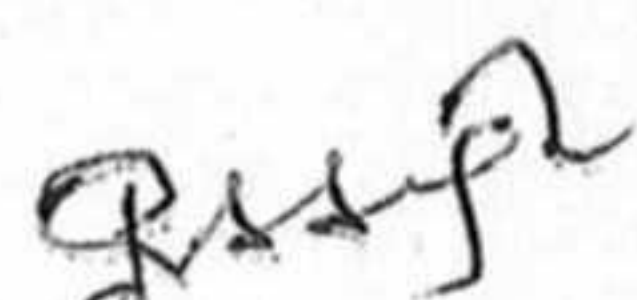
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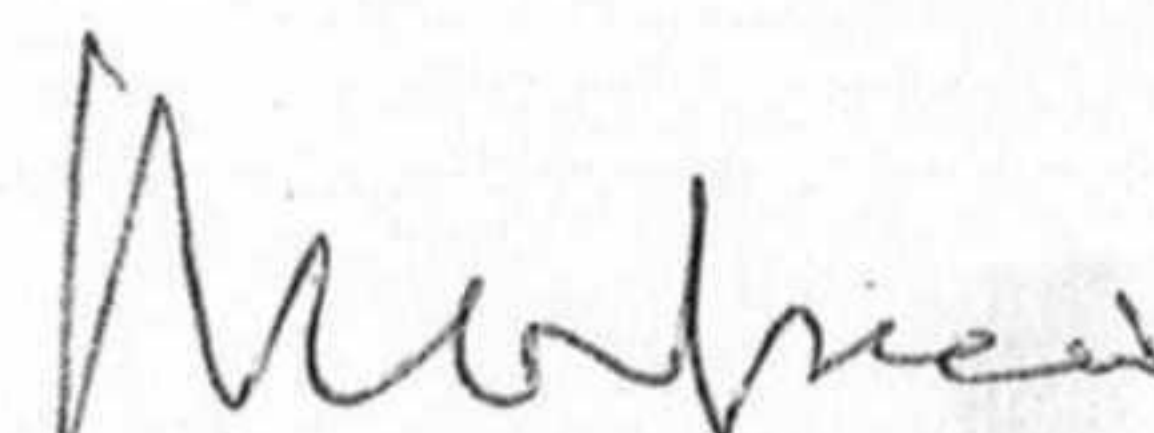
V. Advice of the Commission

11. Based on the above findings, the Commission tenders the following advice to the Central Government under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993 for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act:-

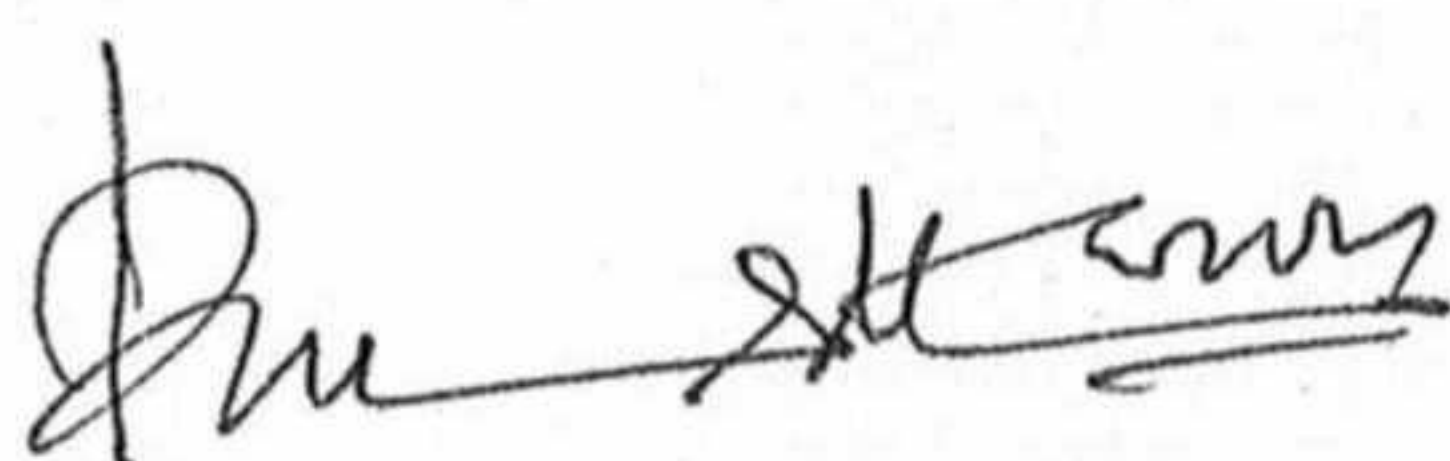
The Request for inclusion of "Toorpu Chalukya Kapu" caste/community in the Central list of backward classes for Andhra Pradesh be rejected as it is not a socially backward caste/community.



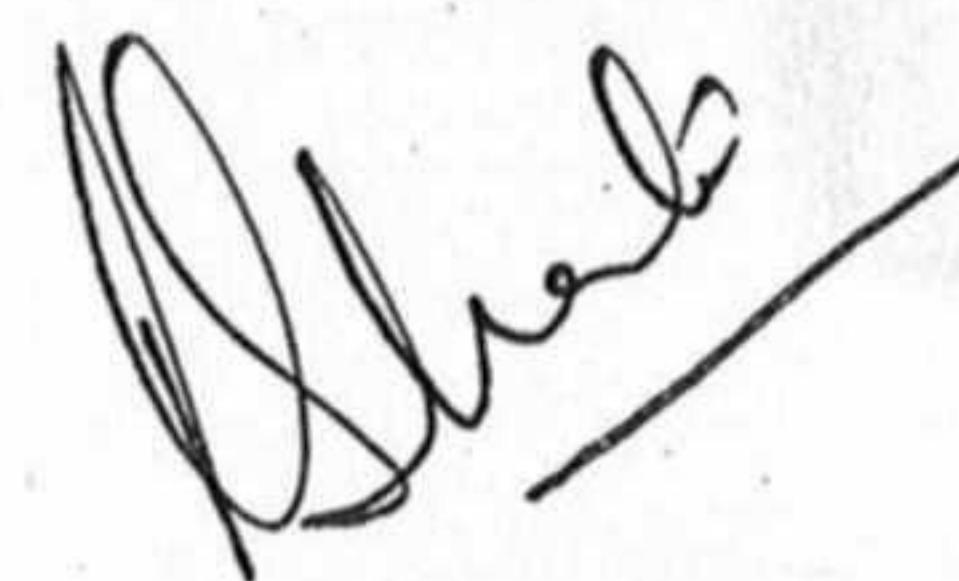
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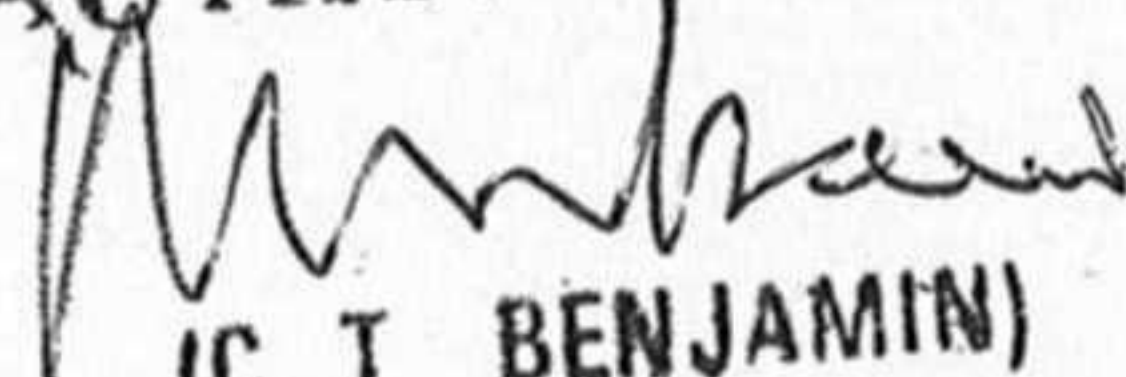
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