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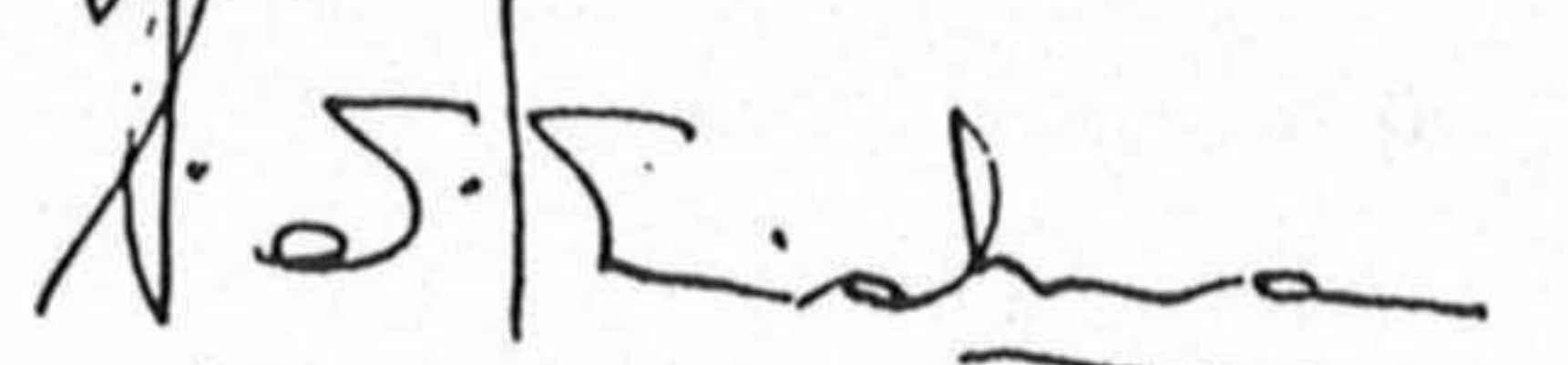
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MEMBER-SECRETARY  
NATIONAL COMMISSION  
FOR BACKWARD CLASSES  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
NEW DELHI-110 066

Dear Shri Saxena,

I am sending herewith the unanimous Advices of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993 in respect of five communities viz; Karani, Raju, Keori/Koiri, Sarak, Kosta/Koshta of West Bengal to include them in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal, for necessary action under Section 9(2) of the Act by the Central Government.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
(P.S. KRISHNAN)

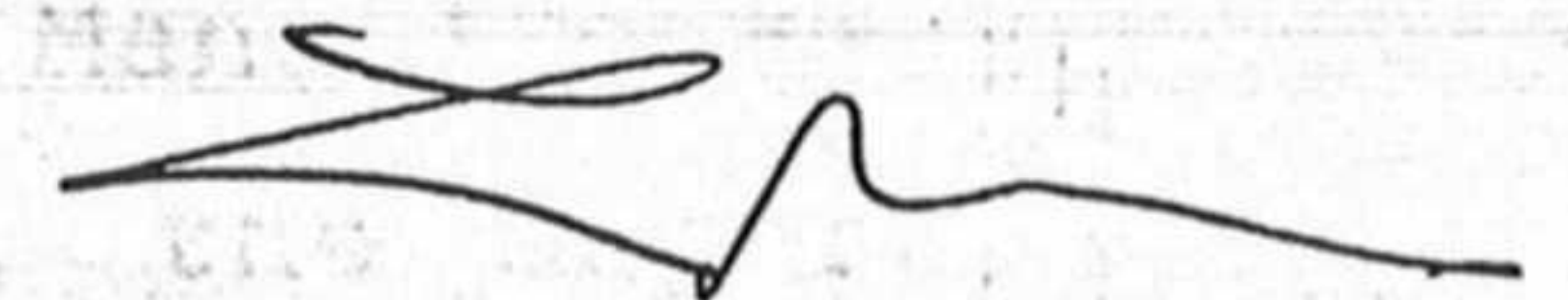
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Shri K.B. Saxena  
Secretary  
Ministry of Welfare  
Shastri Bhavan  
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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

WEST BENGAL BENCH

Findings

Case: Request for inclusion of "Karani" in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal

I. Request

The Government of West Bengal, vide letter of the Secretary, Scheduled Castes and Tribes Welfare Deptt. No. 344-TW/EC dated 2nd May 1995 to the Commission has, inter alia, requested that "Karani" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal.

II. Public Hearing

2. The two-Member West Bengal Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S. Krishnan and Dr. Dinesh Singh Yadav held a Public Hearing at Calcutta on the 29th August, 1995 to examine this Request. At the Public Hearing the State Government was represented by the Special Secretary and Joint Commissioner of the SCs and Tribes Welfare Department and Director, Cultural Research Institute of West Bengal. Shri Subhas Chandra Mahapatra and others represented the community.

III. Facts

3. The State Government of West Bengal had no list of Backward Classes till after the Supreme Court Judgement in the Mandal case, delivered on 16th November 1992. For this reason, the Expert Committee on Backward Classes could not, on the basis of the principle of commonality, recommend a Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal as it could do for 14 other States, which already had their respective lists of Backward Classes, and therefore the Central Government also could not issue a Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal in 1993. The Govt. of West Bengal

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issued its first list of Backward Classes by its Notification No. <sup>M-6/82(I)</sup>346-TW/EC dated 13th July 1994 in the Calcutta Gazette of the same date, which consisted of 14 entries. The Government of India, Ministry of Welfare, by its Notification No. 163 dated 19.10.1994, published in the Gazette of India of 20.10.1994, issued a common list of OBCs for West Bengal which consisted of the same 14 castes/communities.

4. The Government of West Bengal issued its second instalment of Backward Classes consisting of 12 castes/communities by its Notification No. 705-TW/EC/M-6/82(I) dated 13th December 1994 in the Calcutta Gazette of the same date and its third instalment of 3 castes/communities was issued by its Notification No. <sup>M-6/82(I)</sup>370-TW/EC dated 12th May 1995, published in the Calcutta Gazette of the same date. The State Government has also issued a fourth instalment of 9 Backward Classes by its Notification No. <sup>M-6/82(I)</sup>1179-TW/EC dated 1st December, 1995, published in the Calcutta Gazette of the same date.

5. "Karani" is one of the 12 castes/communities included in the second State List of Backward Classes issued on 13th December 1994, in respect of which the State Government's request was received on 2nd May 1995.

6. The corresponding entry in the Mandal Commission's list of Backward Classes for West Bengal is as follows:-

"94. Karani"

7. According to the data furnished by the State Government in the NCBC's Questionnaire, this community is identified/linked with the traditional craft of weaving. In the Questionnaire, the State Government further states that 23% of the population of adult members are still engaged in weaving. Only 1.67% cultivate their own land. Substantial numbers of members of the caste/community depend on agricultural labour and selling of betel leaf for their livelihood.

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Member, Mandal Commission  
for West Bengal

8. The representatives of the community said that most of their members are still engaged in weaving and agricultural labour. They urged that they being a socially backward community, their caste/community be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal.

#### IV. Findings

9. The Bench found that "Karani" is an artisanal caste linked with the traditional craft of weaving. Weaving is a traditional craft which is one of the occupations referred to in para 7 of the Procedural Clarification on Guidelines and covered by "A.Social, Item No. 2(e)" of the Commission's Guidelines for Consideration of Requests for Inclusion and Complaints of under-inclusion in the Central List of Other Backward Classes. This is part of the "Fast-Track" designed by the Commission. This is a community which is socially backward and undoubtedly qualifies to be included in the Central List of Backward Classes, just as it has rightly been included in the State List of Backward Classes. It should therefore be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of West Bengal.

*P. J. Krishna*

*Member, L. Bengal Bench*

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*P. J. Krishna*

V. Advice of the Commission

10. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the Findings of the West Bengal Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government as per Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993:-

"Karani" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal.

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(D.L. SETHI)

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(DR R PRASADHON)

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Justice B. L. Sethi  
(Chairman)  
National Commission for  
Backward Classes  
New Delhi.  
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Secretary  
National Commission  
for Backward Classes

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

WEST BENGAL BENCH

Findings

Case: Request for inclusion of "Raju" in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal

I. Request

The Government of West Bengal, vide letter of the Secretary, Scheduled Castes and Tribes Welfare Deptt. No.344-TW/EC dated 2nd May 1995 to the Commission has, inter alia, requested that "Raju" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal.

II. Public Hearing

2. The two-Member West Bengal Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S.Krishnan and Dr. Dinesh Singh Yadav held a Public Hearing at Calcutta on the 29th August, 1995 to examine this Request. At the Public Hearing the State Government was represented by the Special Secretary and Joint Commissioner of the SCs and Tribes Welfare Department and Director, Cultural Research Institute of West Bengal. *The request*

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P. S. KRISHNAN  
Member Secretary  
National Commission  
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### III. Facts

3. The State Government of West Bengal had no list of Backward Classes till after the Supreme Court Judgement in the Mandal case, delivered on 16th November 1992. For this reason, the Expert Committee on Backward Classes could not, on the basis of the principle of commonality, recommend a Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal as it could do for 14 other States, which already had their respective lists of Backward Classes, and therefore the Central Government also could not issue a Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal in 1993. The Govt. of West Bengal issued its first list of Backward Classes by its Notification No. 346-TW/EC dated 13th July 1994 in the Calcutta Gazette of the same date, which consisted of 14 entries. The Government of India, Ministry of Welfare, by its Notification No. 163 dated 19.10.1994, published in the Gazette of India of 20.10.1994, issued a common list of OBCs for West Bengal which consisted of the same 14 castes/communities.

4. The Government of West Bengal issued its second instalment of Backward -Classes consisting of 12 castes/communities by its Notification No. 705-TW/EC/M-6/82(I) dated 13th December 1994 in the Calcutta Gazette of the same date and its third instalment of 3 castes/communities was issued by its Notification No. 370-TW/EC dated 12th May 1995, published in the Calcutta Gazette of the same date. The State Government has also issued a fourth instalment of 9 Backward Classes by its Notification No. 1179-TW/EC dated 1st December, 1995, published in the Calcutta Gazette of the same date.

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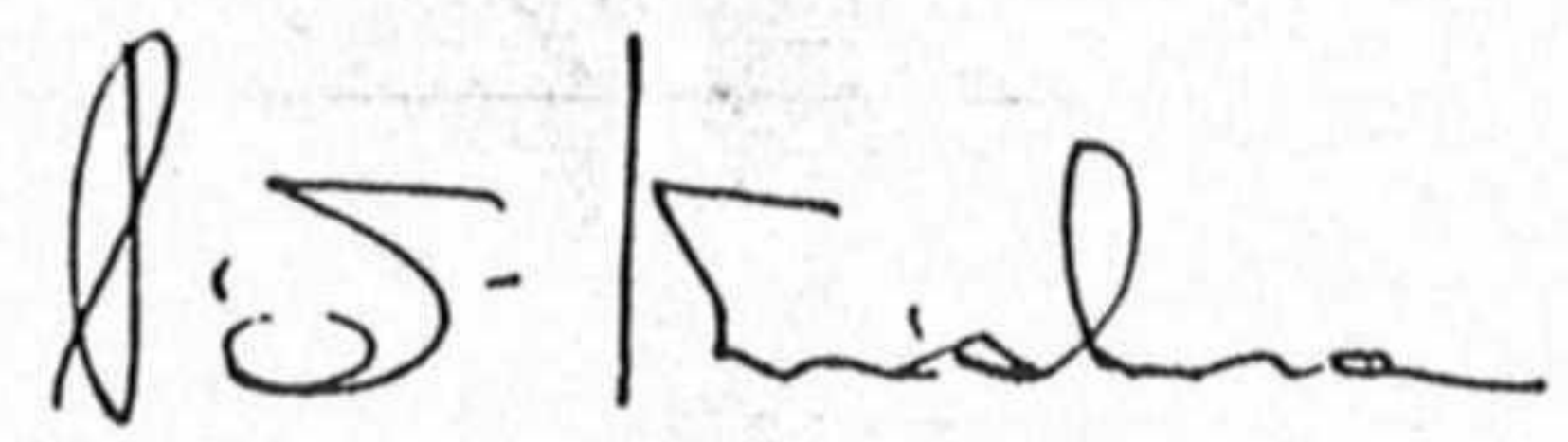
5. "Raju" is one of the 12 castes/communities included in the second State List of Backward Classes issued on 13th December 1994, in respect of which the State Government's request was received on 2nd May 1995.

6. The corresponding entry in the Mandal Commission's list of Backward Classes for West Bengal is as follows:-

"153. Raju"

7. The Questionnaire furnished by the State Government, <sup>and received on 31.1.1996</sup> gives "Agricultural labour" as the main occupation of this caste/community. It is also seen from the Questionnaire that their agricultural labour mainly involve manual labour for wage and that 98.6% of the population of the caste, male, female and children taken together, are landless manual labourers. The women of this caste as a general practice work in the households of others for wage. The children of this caste as a general practice are also engaged in agricultural labour and other non-agricultural labour. A few of these children are engaged as servants in the families of others. The number of literates in the community is negligible. Their literacy rate is shown to be 2% as against the total literacy rate of 57% for the State as per the 1991 Census. 96.7% of the families of the caste/community live in Kachha houses.

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Member Secretary  
National Commission  
for Backward Classes

IV. Findings

8. From the above evidence it is the Finding of the Bench that this caste/community comes under the "Fast-Track" category as formulated in the Guidelines of the Commission and that "Raju" is a Socially Backward caste which is also Educationally Backward and it be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal.

*P. S. Krishna*  
24.2.1996  
Member, W. Bengal Bench

V. Advice of the Commission

9. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the Findings of the West Bengal Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government as per Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993:-

"Raju" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal.

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(D-L. SHGTH)

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Justice R. N. Prasad  
Chairman  
National Commission for  
Backward Classes  
New Delhi.

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*P. S. Krishna*  
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(Dr. R. Prasanna)

*P. S. Krishna*  
21.5.96

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

WEST BENGAL BENCH

Findings

Case: Request for inclusion of "Keori/Koiri" in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal

I. Request

The Government of West Bengal, vide letter of the Secretary, Scheduled Castes and Tribes Welfare Deptt. No. 344-TW/EC dated 2nd May 1995 to the Commission has, inter alia, requested that "Keori/Koiri" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal.

II. Public Hearing

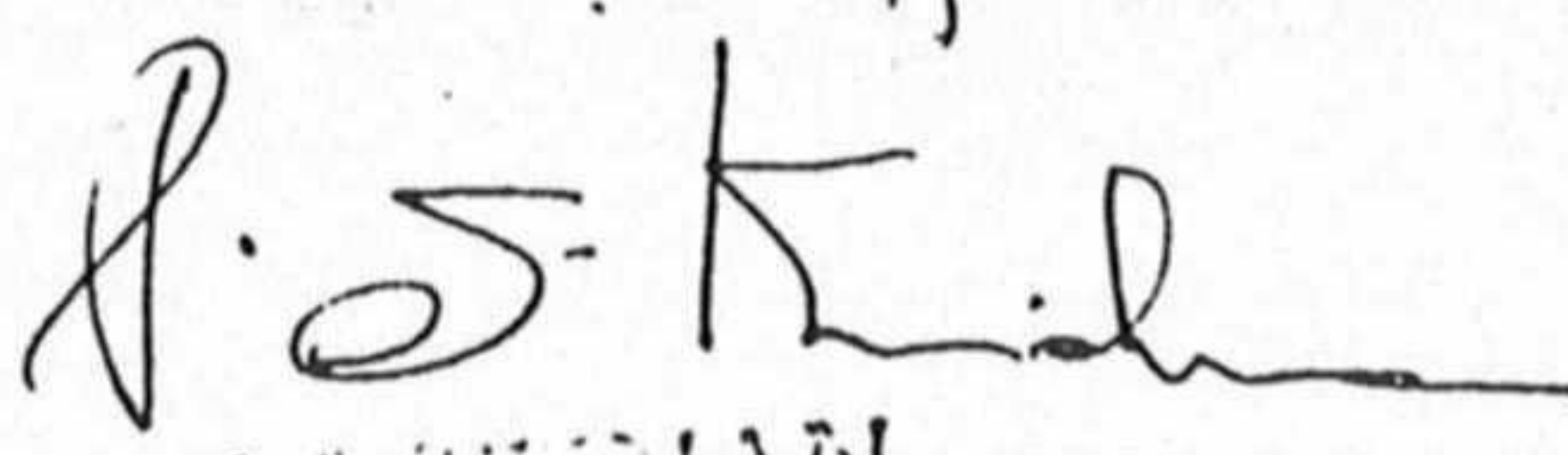
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P. S. KRISHNAN  
Member Secretary  
National Commission  
for Backward Classes

### III. Facts

3. The State Government of West Bengal had no list of Backward Classes till after the Supreme Court Judgement in the Mandal case, delivered on 16th November 1992. For this reason, the Expert Committee on Backward Classes could not, on the basis of the principle of commonality, recommend a Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal as it could do for 14 other States, which already had their respective lists of Backward Classes, and therefore the Central Government also could not issue a Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal in 1993. The Govt. of West Bengal issued its first list of Backward Classes by its Notification No. 346-TW/EC dated 13th July 1994 in the Calcutta Gazette of the same date, which consisted of 14 entries. The Government of India, Ministry of Welfare, by its Notification No. 163 dated 19.10.1994, published in the Gazette of India of 20.10.1994, issued a common list of OBCs for West Bengal which consisted of the same 14 castes/communities.

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P. S. CHAKRABARTI  
Secretary  
Backward Classes

5. "Keori/Koiri" is one of the 12 castes/communities included in the second State List of Backward Classes issued on 13th December 1994, in respect of which the State Government's request was received on 2nd May 1995.

6. The corresponding entry in the Mandal Commission's List of Backward Classes for West Bengal is

"114. Keori/Koiri"

7. The Questionnaire furnished by the State Government and received on 31.1.1996 gives "Manual labour" as the main occupation of this caste/community. It is also seen from the Questionnaire that 100% of the population of the caste, male, female and children taken together, are landless manual labourers. The women of this caste as a general practice work, for their or their families' livelihood, in others' households and sell vegetables. The children of the caste also as a general practice work in others' households. 97.90% of the families of the caste/community live in Kachha houses.

#### IV. Findings

8. From the above evidence it is the Finding of the Bench that "Keori/Koiri" is a

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Member  
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24.2.1996

Member, W. Bengal Bench

V. Advice of the Commission

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"Keori/Koiri" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal.

*Dr. R. N. Prasad*  
C.D.L. SHL-TH

*P. S. Krishna*

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(DR R PRASADNAN)

*P. S. Krishna*  
21.5.96

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Justice R. N. Prasad  
Chairman  
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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

WEST BENGAL BENCH

Findings

Case: Request for inclusion of "Sarak" in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal

I. Request

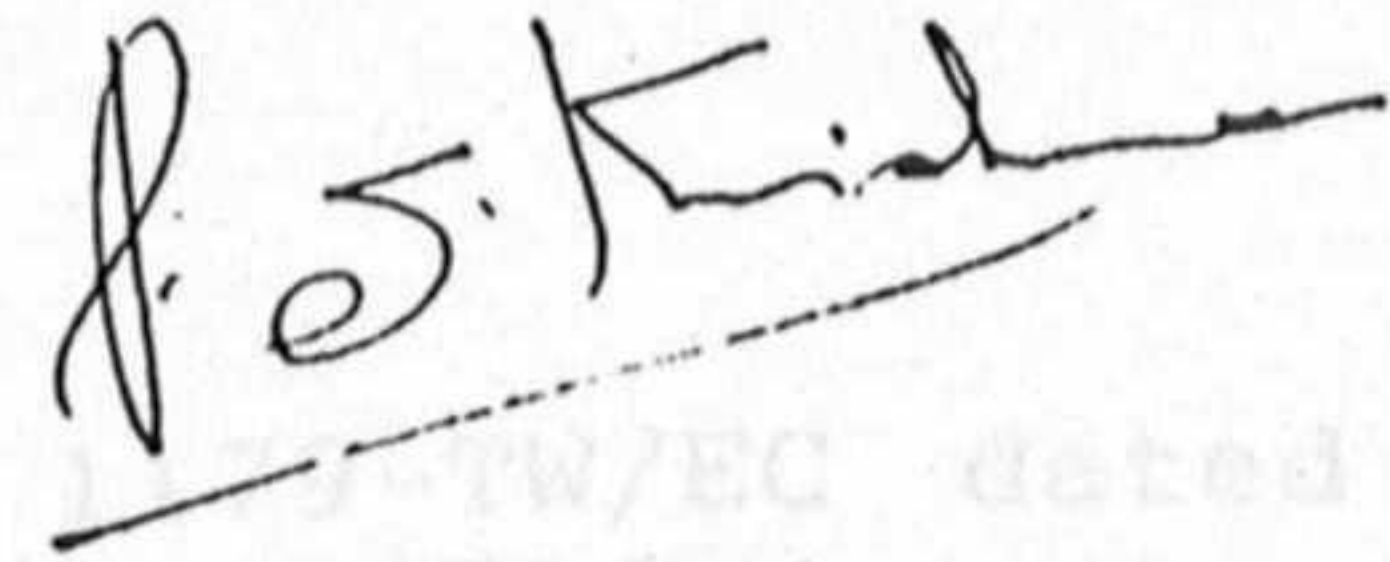
The Government of West Bengal, vide letter of the Secretary, Scheduled Castes and Tribes Welfare Deptt. No. 344-TW/EC dated 2nd May 1995 to the Commission has, inter alia, requested that "Sarak" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal.

II. Public Hearing

2. The two-Member West Bengal Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S. Krishnan and Dr. Dinesh Singh Yadav held a Public Hearing at Calcutta on the 29th August, 1995 to examine this Request. At the Public Hearing the State Government was represented by the Special Secretary and Joint Commissioner of the SCs and Tribes Welfare Department and Director, Cultural Research Institute of West Bengal.

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5. "Sarak" is one of the 12 castes/communities included in the second State List of Backward Classes issued on 13th December 1994, in respect of which the State Government's request was received on 2nd May 1995.

6. "Sarak" has not been included in the Mandal Commission's list of OBCs for West Bengal.

7. The Questionnaire furnished by the State Government <sup>and received on 31.1.1996</sup> gives "Agriculture and Day labour" as the main occupation of this caste/community. It is also seen from the Questionnaire that their agricultural and non-agricultural labour mainly involves manual labour for wage and that 95.5% of the population of the caste, male, female and children taken together, are landless manual labourers. The women of this caste as a general practice engage in agricultural or non-agricultural manual labour for wage. The children of this caste as a general practice work at teastalls and other shops and as cowherds. The literacy rate of this caste/community is 35% as against the total literacy rate of 57.70% for the State as per 1991 Census. 98.89% of the families of the caste/community live Kachha houses.

#### IV. Findings

8. From the above evidence it is the Finding of the Bench that this caste/community comes under the "Fast-Track" category as formulated

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Member, W. Bengal Bench

V. Advice of the Commission

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P. S. Krishna

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(DR R. PRASAD)

Justice N. Prasad  
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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

WEST BENGAL BENCH

Findings

Case: Request for inclusion of "Kosta/Kostha" in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal

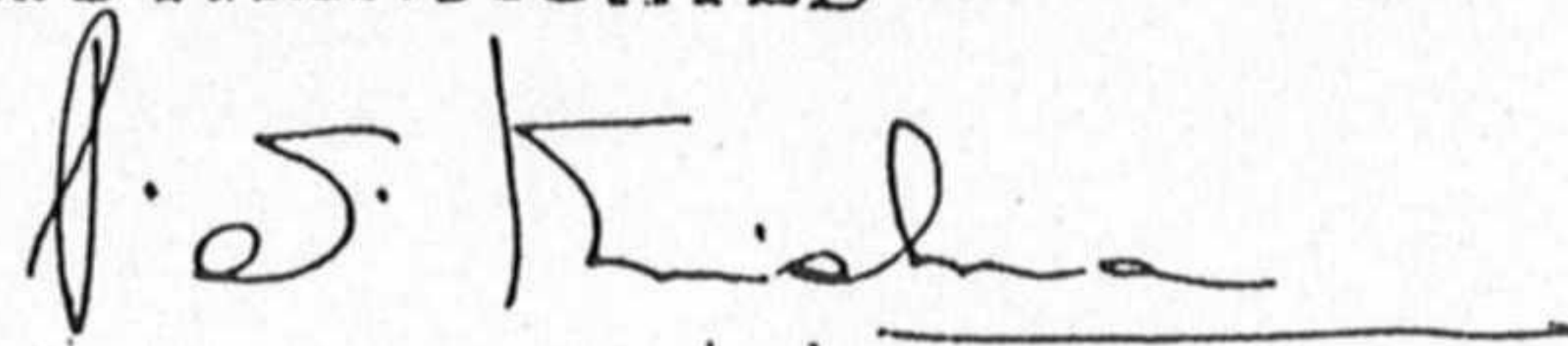
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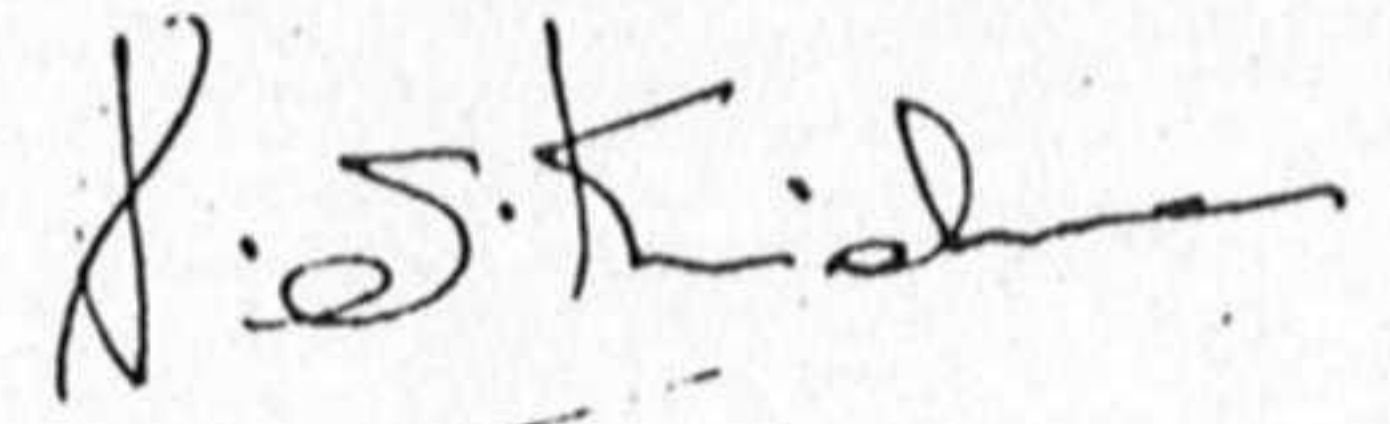
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II. Public Hearing

2. The two-Member West Bengal Bench of the Commission consisting of Shri P.S. Krishnan and Dr. Dinesh Singh Yadav held a Public Hearing at Calcutta on the 29th August, 1995 to examine this Request. At the Public Hearing the State Government was represented by the Special Secretary and Joint Commissioner of the SCs and Tribes Welfare Department and Director, Cultural Research Institute of West Bengal. Shri Jawaharlal Kosta represented the community at the Public Hearing.

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III. Facts

3. The State Government of West Bengal had no list of Backward Classes till after the Supreme Court Judgement in the Mandal case, delivered on 16th November 1992. For this reason, the Expert Committee on Backward Classes could not, on the basis of the principle of commonality, recommend a Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal as it could do for 14 other States, which already had their respective lists of Backward Classes, and therefore the Central Government also could not issue a Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal in 1993. The Govt. of West Bengal issued its first list of Backward Classes by its Notification No. 346-TW/EC dated 13th July 1994 in the Calcutta Gazette of the same date, which consisted of 14 entries. The Government of India, Ministry of Welfare, by its Notification No. 163 dated 19.10.1994, published in the Gazette of India of 20.10.1994, issued a common list of OBCs for West Bengal which consisted of the same 14 castes/communities.

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December, 1995, published in the Calcutta Gazette of the same date.

5. "Kosta/Kostha" is one of the 3 castes/communities included in the third State List of Backward Classes issued on 12th May 1995, in respect of which the State Government's request was received on 16th June 1995.

6. "Kosta/Kostha" has not been included in the Mandal Commission's list of OBCs for West Bengal.

7. The Questionnaire furnished by the State Government and received on 31.1.96 gives "Daily Wage Labour" as the main occupation of this caste/community. It is also seen from the Questionnaire that their labour is non-agricultural mainly involving manual labour for wage and that 100% of the population of the caste, male, female and children taken together, are landless manual labourers. The literacy rate of the caste/community is given as 35% as against the total literacy rate of 57.7.0% for the State as per 1991 census. 96. The Questionnaire filled up by the State Government also shows that the community is largely concentrated in South 24-Parganas and Calcutta and 87.80% of the families live in Kachha houses.

#### IV. Findings

8. From the above evidence it is the Finding of the Bench that "Kosta/Kostha" is a

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Member, Bench  
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*P. S. Kishan*

24.2.1996

Member, W. Bengal Bench

V. Advice of the Commission

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"Kosta/Kostha" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for West Bengal.

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