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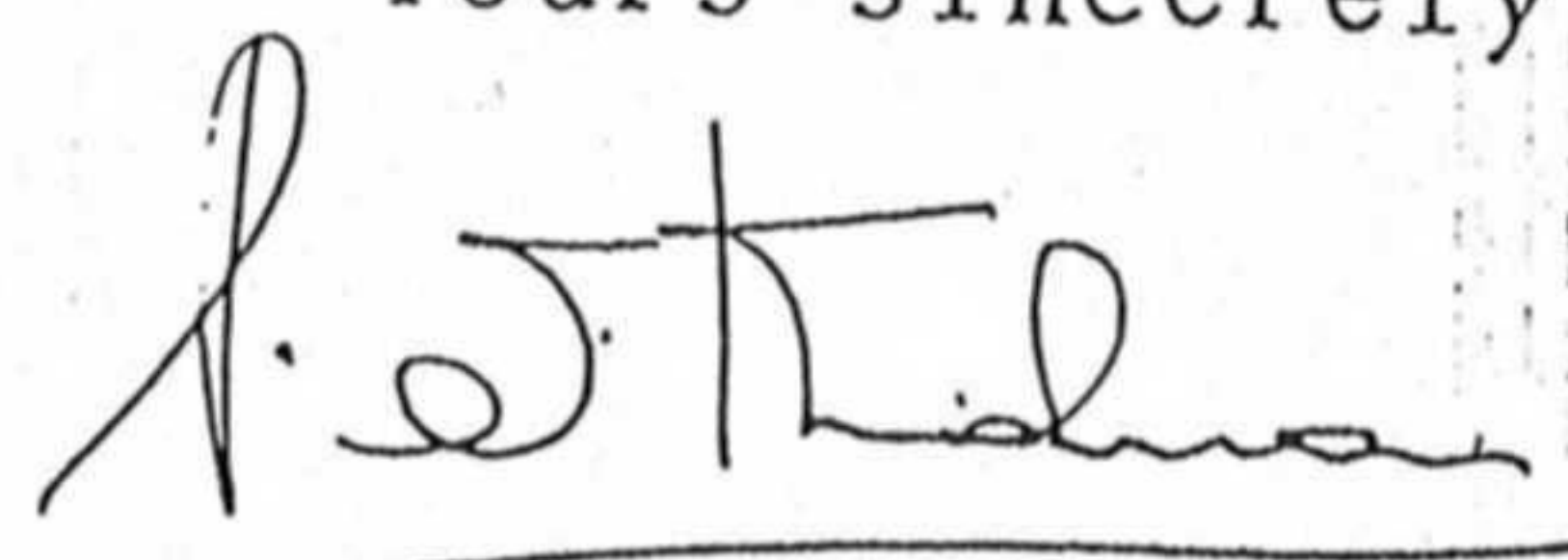
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Dear Shri Manavalan,

I am sending herewith the Advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993 for for Inclusion of 'Gangai (Ganesh)' by correction of spelling error in the Central List of Backward Classes for Bihar, duly authenticated, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the NCBC Act.

2. With this, Advices on 340 castes, sub-castes, synonyms etc. have been tendered to the Government by the Commission, after its reconstitution in 1997, of which 337 are still pending with the Government for Notification.

Yours sincerely


(P.S. KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated.

Shri D.K. Manavalan,
Secretary
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
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NEW DELHI

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

BIHAR BENCH

Per Shri P.S.Krishnan, Member-Secretary

Case: Request for Inclusion of 'Gangai(Ganesh)' by correction of spelling error in the Central List of Backward Classes for Bihar

I. Request

This case arises from the Request received in this Commission from

(1) Md. Azimuddin, Ex-Minister
Government of Bihar
Moharram Manzil
Araria, Bihar

(2) Shri Harish Chandra Biswas
President, Akhil Bharatiya Gangai(Ganesh) Mahasangh
Purnia, Bihar

for the Inclusion in the Central List of Backward Classes for Bihar of "Gangai (Ganesh)" by correction of the spelling error in the existing entry "32. Gangai(Nagesh)".

II. Public Hearing

2. The two-Member Bihar Bench of the NCBC consisting of Sri P.S.Krishnan, Hon'ble Member-Secretary and Shri Uday Pratap Singh, Hon'ble Member held a Public Hearing in respect of this Request at Patna on 09. 01. 1998. At the Public Hearing the State Government was represented by Shri Harun

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Rashid, Deputy-Secretary, Deptt. of Personnel & Administrative Reforms and other officers. Prof. Rameshwar Prasad Singh, Hon'ble Member, Bihar State Commission for Backward Classes was also present during the Hearing and provided valuable information. Neither of the Request-makers or any other representative of the "Gangai(Ganesh)" caste/community was present during the Public hearing inspite of wide publicity about the Public Hearing through media as well as separate intimation to the Request-makers by the office of the NCBC.

III. Facts

3. The relevant entries in the State, Mandal and Central Lists of Backward Classes for Bihar are as follows:-

(i) State List

Annexure-I

"22. Gangai (Nagesh)"

(ii) Mandal List

"48. Gangai (Nagesh)"

(iii) Central List

"32. Gangai (Nagesh)"

4. According to the Request-makers the name "Nagesh" given in brackets in the above entries is a spelling error for the correct name "Ganesh" and therefore they have requested that the entry "Gangai(Nagesh)" should be corrected as "Gangai(Ganesh)".

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5. "Ganesh" as a synonym of "Gangai" caste/community is attested to by the publication People of India National Series, Vol.VIII titled "Communities, Segments, Synonyms, Surnames and Titles" (General Editor K.S.Singh, published on behalf of the Anthropological Survey of India by Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1996). Appendix A in this book gives "A Consolidated List of Communities from Censuses and other Sources and their Distribution" and shows "Gangai(Ganesh)" as a caste/community found in the Census Year 1911 in Assam, Bengal, Bihar and Orissa. Its present distribution is given as "Bihar: Purnea". Appendix B in the book is titled as "Community-wise List of Synonyms, Titles, Surnames and Segments" and shows 'Ganesh' and 'Kumhar' as synonyms of Gangai. It appears that Gangai(Ganesh) is a caste/community traditionally associated with the craft of pottery. This is confirmed by Risley (The Tribes and Castes of Bengal: Ethnographic Glossary, Firma Mukhopadhyay, Calcutta, 1981, first edition 1891) when under the head "Ganesh" he inter alia mentions it to be "a title of potters in Nepal".

6. During the Public Hearing the State Government/State Commission representatives agreed that this is a simple case of correction of spelling error.

IV. Findings

7. From the above material and evidence, it is the Finding of the Bench that the word "Nagesh" at entry "32. Gangai(Nagesh)" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Bihar is a spelling error for "Ganesh" and therefore "Gangai (Ganesh)" should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Bihar by correction of spelling error.

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at the existing entry "32. Gangai (Nagesh)" and the amended entry no. 32 in the Central List of Backward Classes for Bihar should read as follows:-

"32. Gangai (Ganesh)"

"32. गंगाई (गणेश)"

This will preclude any difficulty faced by the members of the "Gangai(Ganesh)" caste/community in getting caste certificates and availing reservation benefits on account of the present wrong spelling in the entry.

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V. Advice of the Commission

8. The Commission agrees in full with the above Findings of the Bihar Bench and decides to tender the following Advice to the Central Government under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act:-

"Gangai (Ganesh)" be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Bihar by correction of spelling error at the existing entry "32. Gangai (Nagesh)" and the amended entry no. 32 in the Central List of Backward Classes for Bihar be read as follows:-

"32. Gangai (Ganesh)"

"32. गंगाई (गणेश)"

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9. 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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