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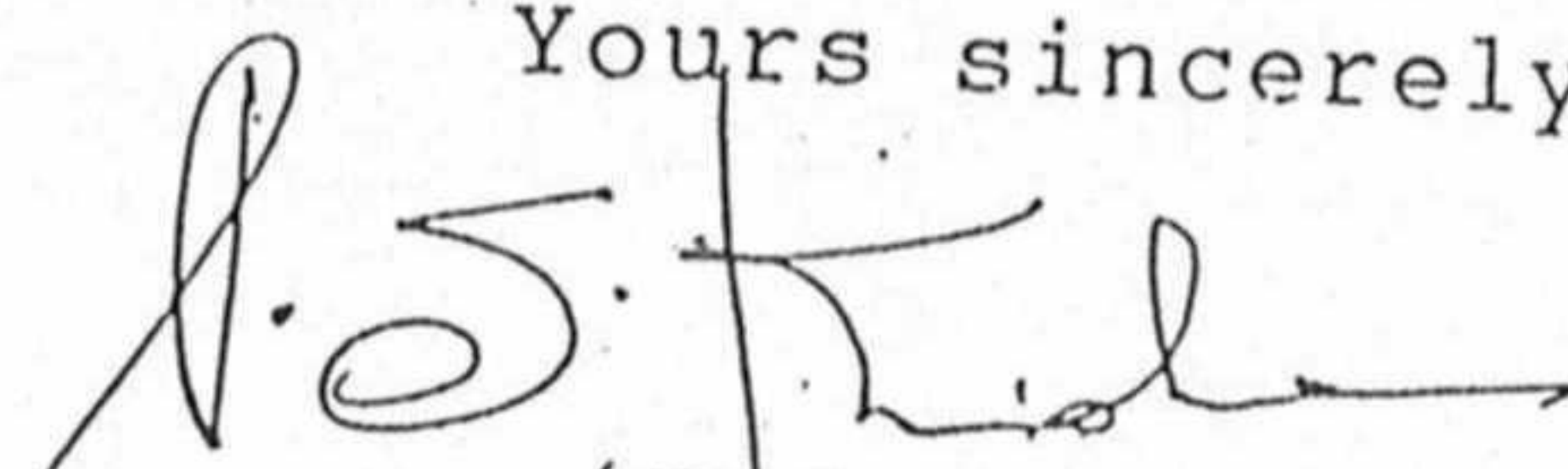
NBC Advice No. Tripura 16/98

30. 11. 1998

Dear Shri Manavalan,

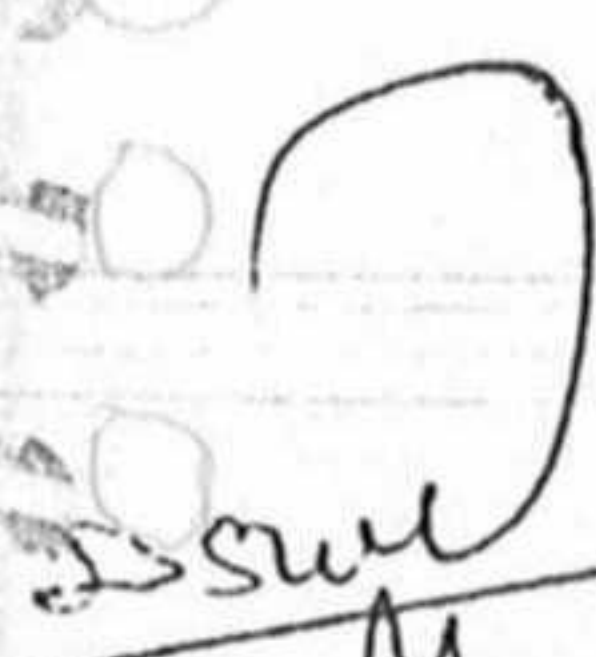
I am sending herewith the Advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9(1) of the NBC Act for Inclusion of 'Giri' caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Tripura, duly authenticated, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act.

Yours sincerely


(P.S. KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated.

Shri D.K. Manavalan
Secretary to Govt. of India
Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
Shastri Bhavan
NEW DELHI


30/11/98

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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Tripura Bench

Findings

Per Justice P.K. Shyamsundar, Chairperson

Case: Request for Inclusion of "Giri" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Tripura.

I. Request

This case arises from the Request received in this Commission from the State Government of Tripura for inclusion of "Giri" caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Tripura.

II. Public Hearing

2. The two-Member Tripura Bench of the Commission consisting of Justice P.K. Shyamsundar, Hon'ble Chairperson and Shri P.S. Krishnan, Hon'ble Member-Secretary, NCBC held a Public Hearing in respect of this Request at Agartala on 06.04.98. At the Public Hearing the State Government was represented by Shri S.C. Das, Secretary SC & ST Welfare Department and other officials. Shri K.R. Das, Chairperson, Shri S. Bhowmik, Member-Secretary and Shri Matilal Sarkar, Member of Tripura State Backward Classes Commission were also present at the Public Hearing who gave valuable information. No members from the community represented at the hearing. The State Government officials spoke on behalf of the community.

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III. Facts

3. Giri caste/community is included in the State List at Entry No.16. It is not included either in the Mandal List or in the Central List of Backward Classes.
4. The Questionnaire filled up by the State Government states that this caste is considered as Backward because of their low social position in the traditional caste hierarchy of Hindu Society; and suffer disabilities like lack of free access to public utilities; social discrimination; lack of education and inadequate or no representation in services. Their total population is about 2000 spread all over the State but largely concentrated in West Tripura District. Nearly 40% of the members of the caste are literate. Earlier they were engaged in their traditional occupation of 'Kabiraji' (Ayurvedic treatment) but at present only 10% of the members of the community are involved in this occupation due to low demand for Ayurvedic treatment. The remaining 90% members of the community are engaged as agricultural labourers, manual labourers and petty businessmen. Women of this community also work as maidservants for their family's livelihood. Only 10% of them live in Kachha houses.
5. During the public hearing, the State Govt. representatives stated that the members of 'Giri' community were engaged in the traditional occupation of Ayurvedic treatment but at present only a few of the members are doing their traditional occupation. While most of their members are now engaged as agricultural labourers and manual labourers, some of them are engaged in small business.

IV. Findings

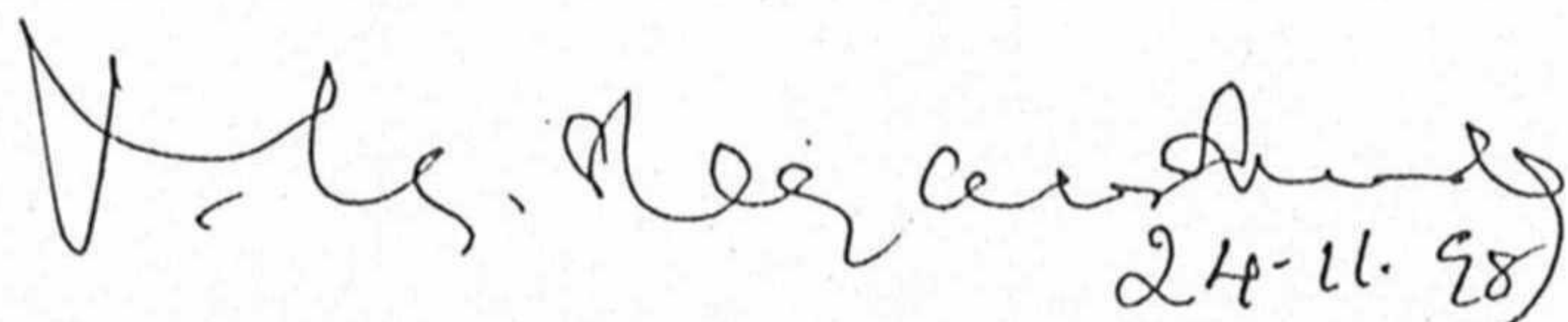
6. From the facts stated above, it is clear that 'Giri' is a caste/community eking out a living by agricultural and non-agricultural manual labour and hence in the very nature of things would be well below in the social order. On the educational front, we do not have much information but even if we accept the figures furnished relating to representation in government services resulting in two digits out of a total population of 4 digits, it should be a compelling inference enabling us to hold that this community is also educationally

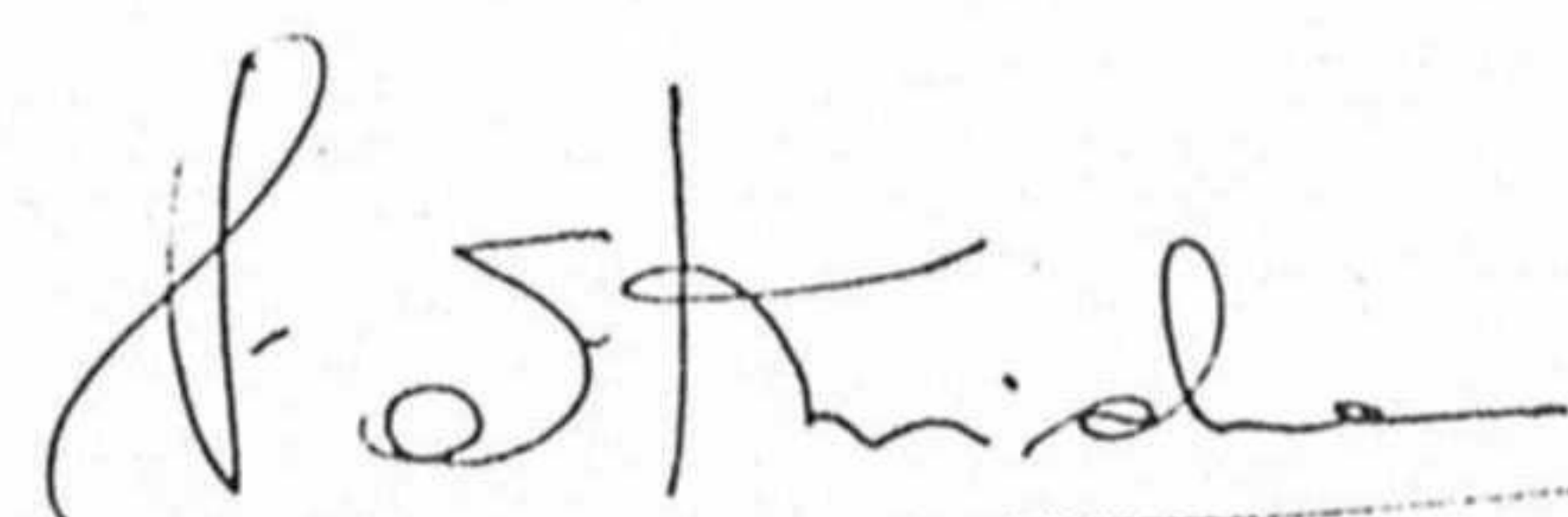
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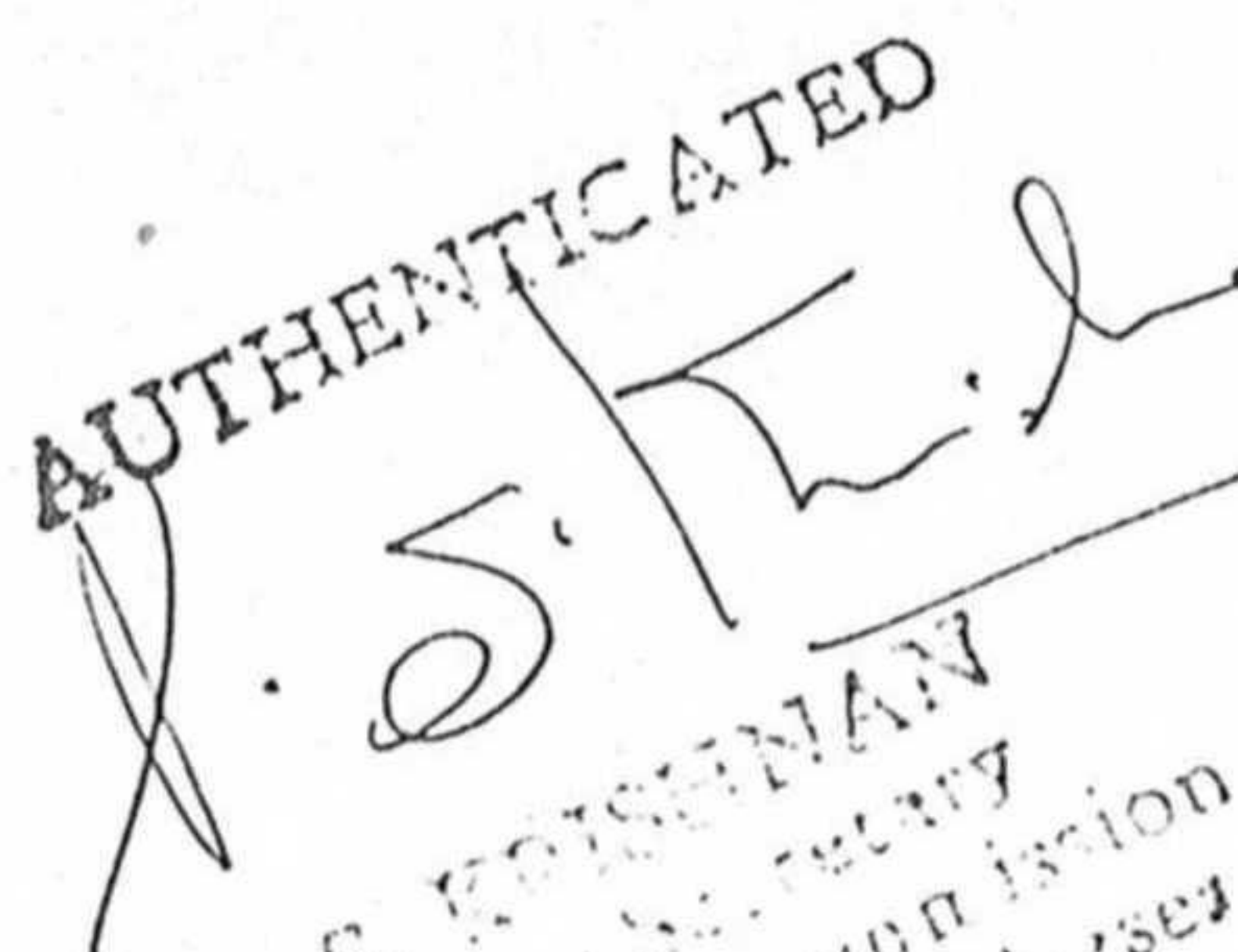
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backward. In that view of the matter, we have no hesitation in holding that the 'Giri' Caste/community is socially and also educationally backward. The Bench, therefore, recommends inclusion of 'Giri' caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes at entry no.42 as follows:

"42. Giri"


(Justice P.K. SHYAMSUNDAR)
24-11-98


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V. ADVICE OF THE COMMISSION

7. The Commission considered and agreed in full with the above Findings of the Tripura Bench and decided to tender the following Advice to the Central Government under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act 1993 for action by the Central Government under section 9(2) of the Act:-

"Giri" caste/community be included in the Central List of Backward Classes for Tripura at Entry No. 42 so that the amended entry No.42 read as follows:-

"42. Giri"

P. K. Dasgupta
24.11.98

H. S. Krishnan
24.11.98

K. S. Dasgupta
24.11.98

K. S. Dasgupta
26.11.98

Note: On account of the unfortunate demise of one of the Members Shri Navtej Puadhi on 16.08.98, 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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