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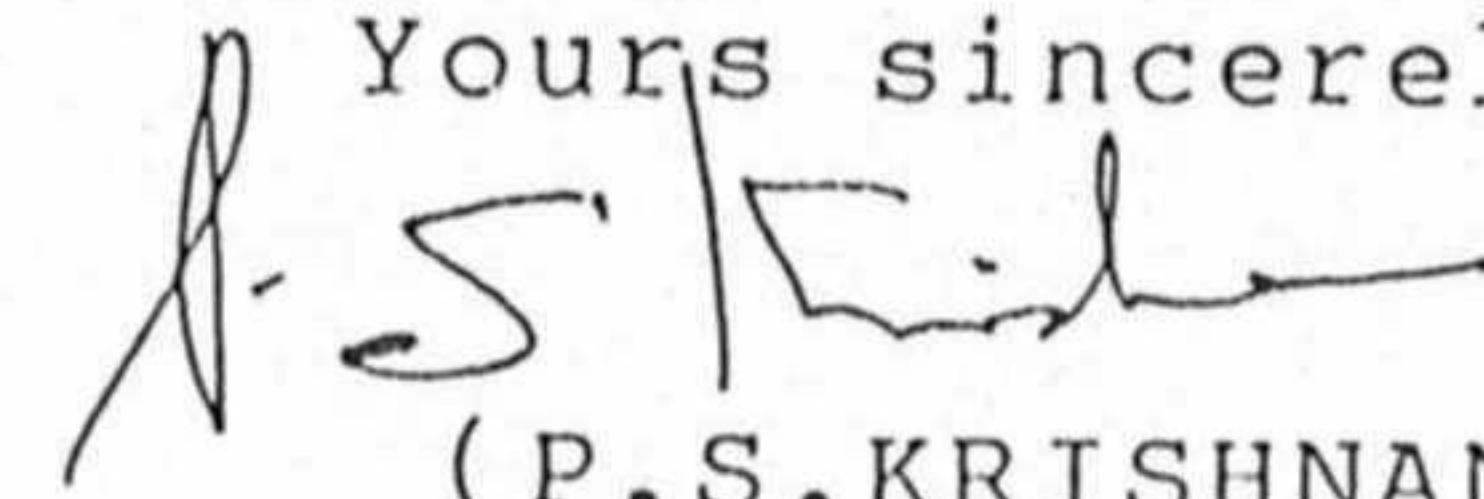
Dear Shri Manavalan,

I am sending herewith the Advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes under Section 9(1) of the NCBC Act, 1993 for the Inclusion of "Khadura, Kharuda" as synonyms of "Khodra" in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa, for necessary action by the Central Government under Section 9(2) of the Act.

2. With this, Advices on 284 castes, sub-castes, synonyms etc. have been tendered to the Government by the Commission, after its reconstitution in 1997, of which 281 are still pending with the Government for Notification.

With Best wishes,

Yours sincerely


(P.S. KRISHNAN)

Encl: As stated.

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

NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR BACKWARD CLASSES

Orissa Bench

FINDINGS

Case : Request for inclusion of 'Khadura' and 'Kharuda' as synonyms of 'Khodra' Caste/Community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa.

Per Prof. U.P. Singh, Member

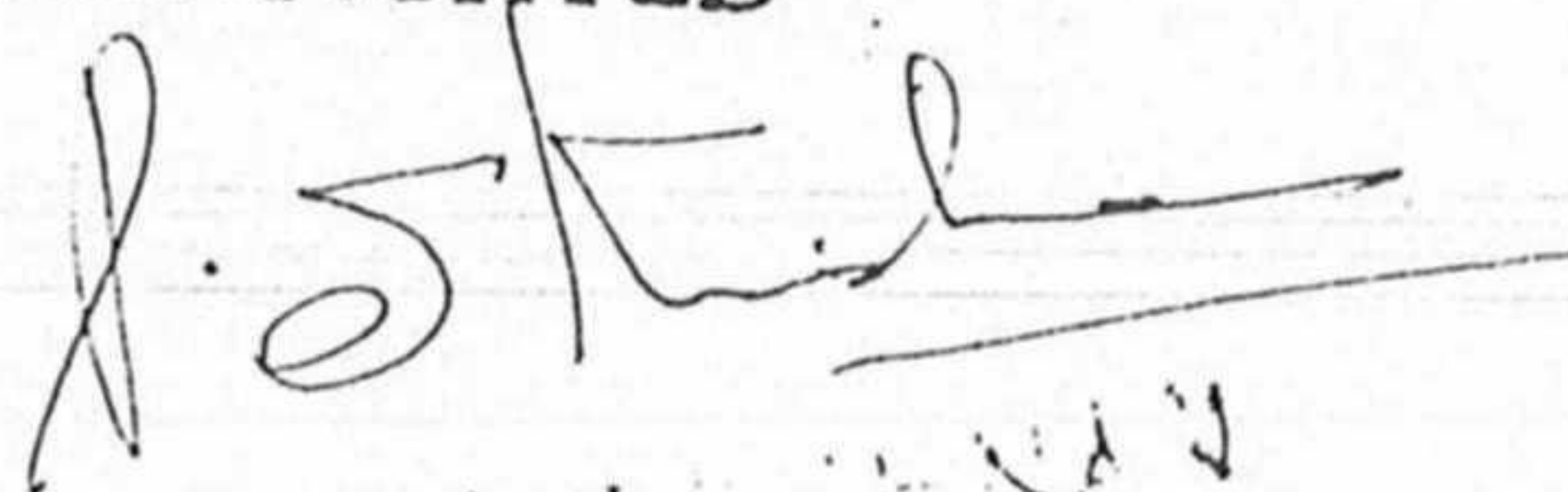
I. Request

This case arises from the Requests received in this commission from Shri Prasant Kumar Nayak, Cuttack, Shri Satyanarayan Sahu, Jail Road N.H.-6, Keonjhar, Orissa and Shri Ranjan Kumar Nayak, Alaspur, Distt. Puri, Orissa for inclusion of 'Khadura' and 'Kharuda' as synonyms of 'Khodra' caste/community in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa.

II. Public Hearing

2. A Three-Member Orissa Bench of the Commission consisting of Hon'ble Members, Prof. U.P. Singh, Shri Sahu Akshaya Bhai and Shri Navtej Puadhi held a Public Hearing in respect of the caste/community at Bhubaneswar on 14-5-98. The State Government was represented by Shri R.B. Nayak, Director OBC, Department of Welfare, and the State Commission for OBCs was represented by Shri M.R. Mishra, Member-Secretary. The caste/community was represented by Shri Satyanarayan Sahu, Shri Ranjan Kumar Nayak and others.

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III. Facts.

3. The 'Khadura' and 'Kharuda' have not been included in Mandal List, however Khodra has been included at entry No 96 as :-

96. Khodra

4. The State List Notified by the Orissa Government in 1993 included 'Khadura' as a synonym of 'Khodra' caste as:-

73. Khodra/Khadura

The State Government vide its resolution No 32714 dated 16-12-95 included 'Kharuda' at entry No 73 as a synonym of Khodra/Khadura.

5. In the Central List of Backward Classes for the State of Orissa only Khodra was included on the Principle of commonality as:

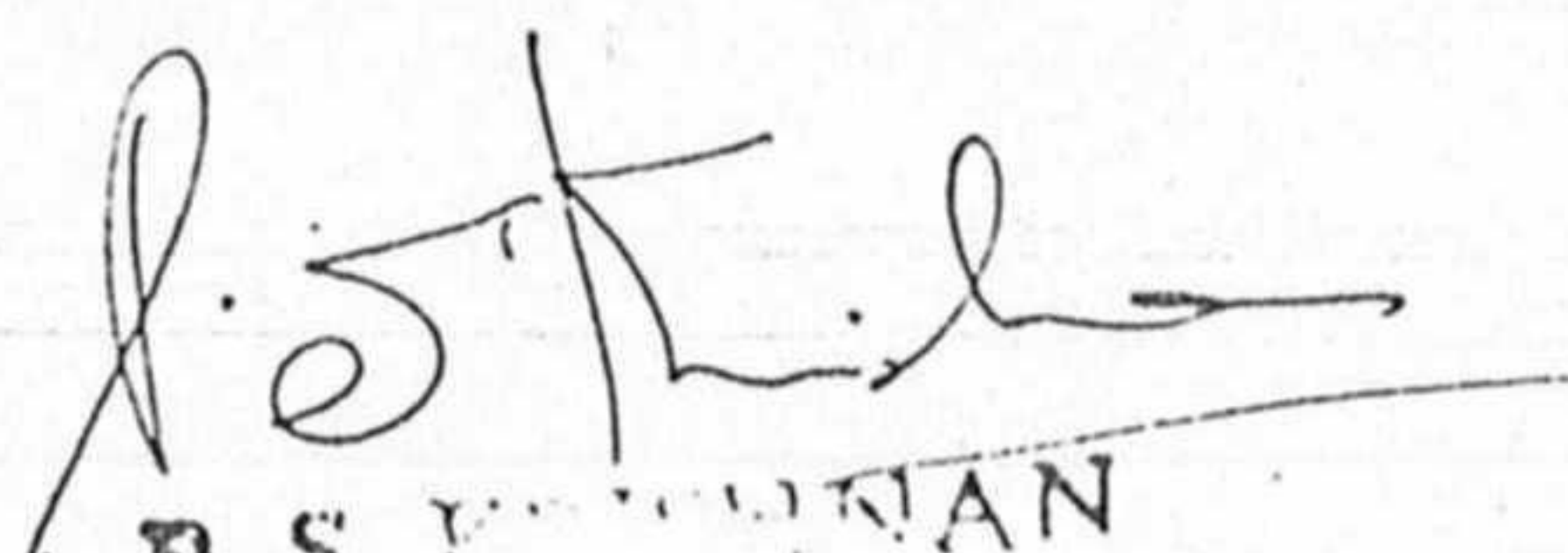
70. Khodra.

6. In his request Shri Satya Narayan Sahu submitted that the castes (i) Khodra (ii) Khadura (iii) Kharuda of Orissa State List Sl. No 73 originally belong to one caste and these are misinterpretation of one caste. Shri Ajay Kumar Sahu has submitted that actually their caste is Khadura/Khodra but in their records of land it has become Kharuda (which is only pronunciation mistake). On their request the State Commission for OBCs recommended Kharuda as the synonymous of Khodra/Khadura. So Khadura and Kharuda should be included in the Central List of Backward Classes as synonyms of Khodra.

The occupation on which the members of the caste/community mainly depend for livelihood is bangle making and selling, which involves manual labour. The women and children of the caste/community as a general practice are also engaged in bangle selling. The caste is in terms of the caste system, identified/linked with the traditional craft of bangle making. Their representation in the Legislative Assembly, elective bodies at the district level, Panchayati Raj Institutions is nil.

7. During the Public Hearing the representatives of the caste/community stated that Khodra, Khadura and Kharuda are names of the same caste and the words are synonymous. The representatives of the State Government, State Commission for OBCs and those present at the time of Public Hearing and belonging to different castes also supported their statement that the three names were used for the one caste. Nobody opposed them.

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8. The ethnographic literature available in 'Castes and Tribes of Southern India' by Edgar Thurston, K. Rangachari (Vol. III, Asian Educational Services, Madras, first published 1909, reprint 1993 p.288) as "Khodura. - The name is derived from khodu, bangle. The Khoduras, Mr. Francis writes, are "manufacturers of the brass and bell-metal bangles and rings ordinarily worn by the lower class Odiyas. Their headman is called Nahako Sahu, and under him there are deputies called Dhoyi Nahako and Behara.It is said that the original home of the caste was Orissa, and that it came to Ganjam with Purushottam Deva, the Maharaja of Puri. In its general customs it resembles the Badhoyis." I am informed that the name of the fourth functionary should be Aghopotiria or first leaf man, i.e., the man who is served first at a public dinner."

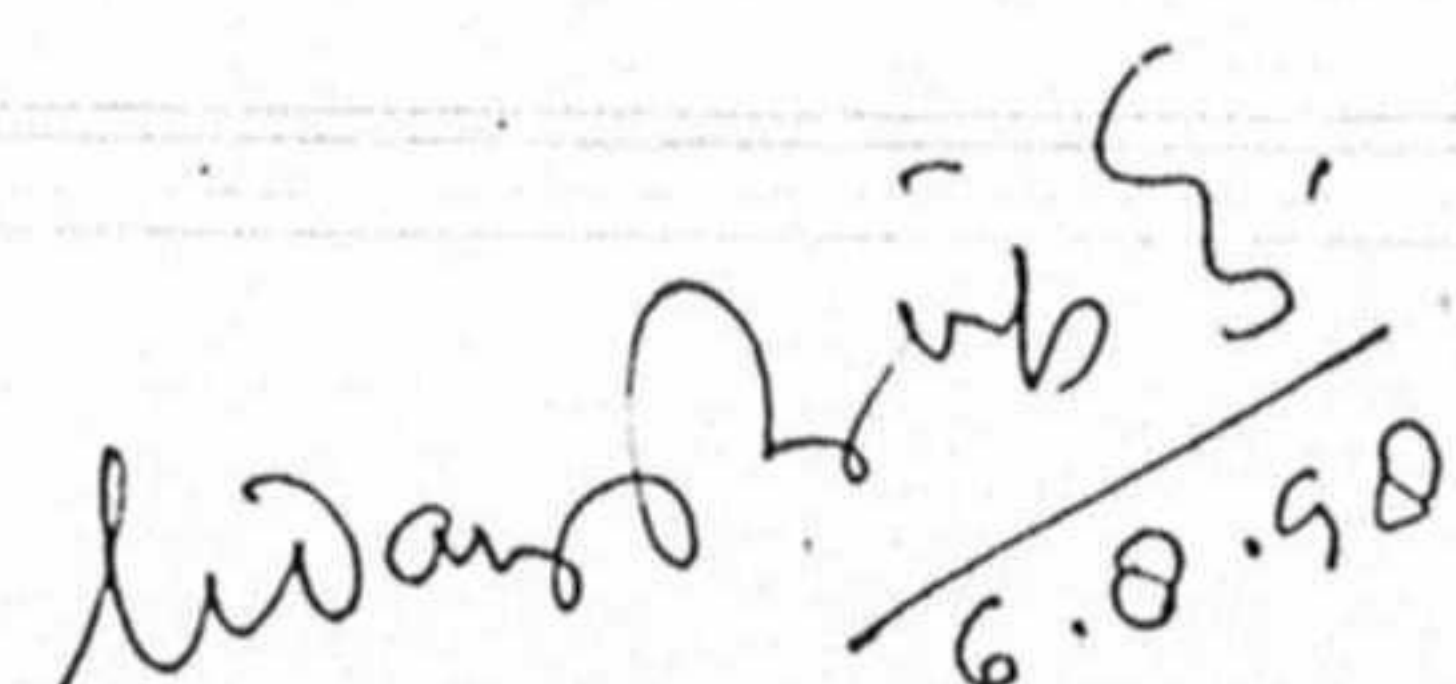
II.II. Risley in 'The Tribes and Castes of Bengal' (Ethnographic Glossary Vol. I, Published by Firma Mukhopadhyay, Calcutta, first edition 1891, Reprint 1981 p.472) has mentioned about the caste as "Kharura, makers of brass ornaments in Western Bengal"

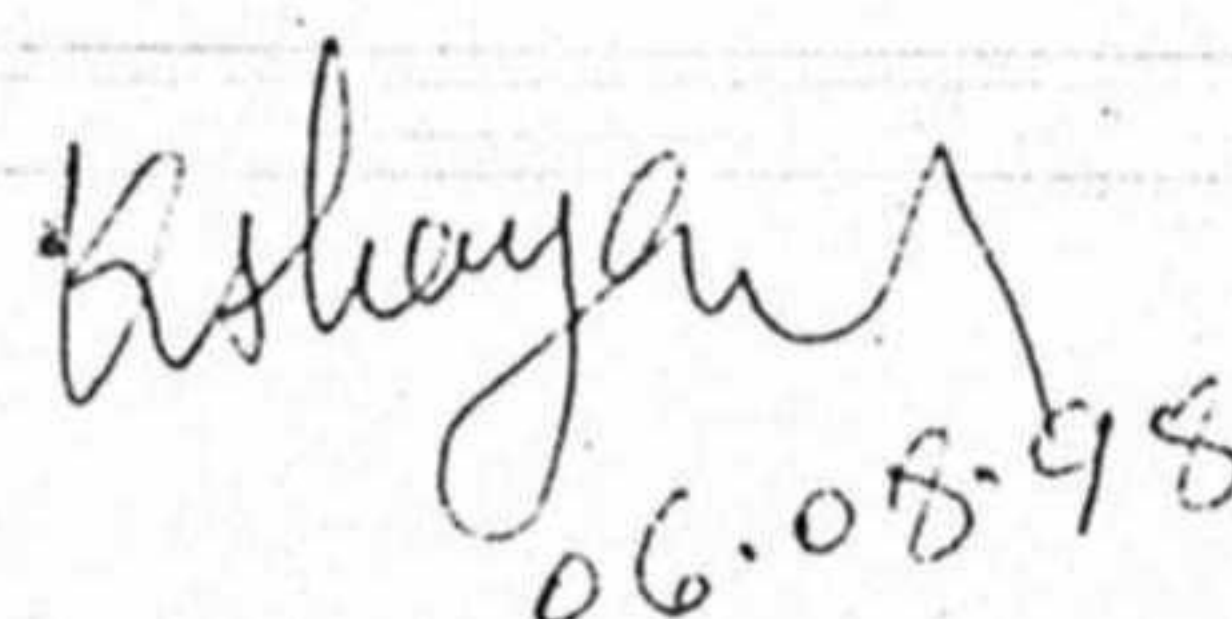
About the Kharura caste K.K. Mohanti has written that, "The Kharura/Khadura/Khadra/Khodura, whose caste name has been derived from Khadu, meaning bangles, constitute an artisan caste-group in the socio-cultural region of Orissa, and their traditional occupation is the manufacturing and selling of bangles and ornaments of Brass and other nonferrous metals and their alloys. With such an occupational specialization, they claim affinity with the Kansari and confess to somewhat lower social status." ('Social Mobility and Caste Dynamics' by K.K. Mohanti, Rawat Publications, Jaipur and Delhi, 1993 p 181)

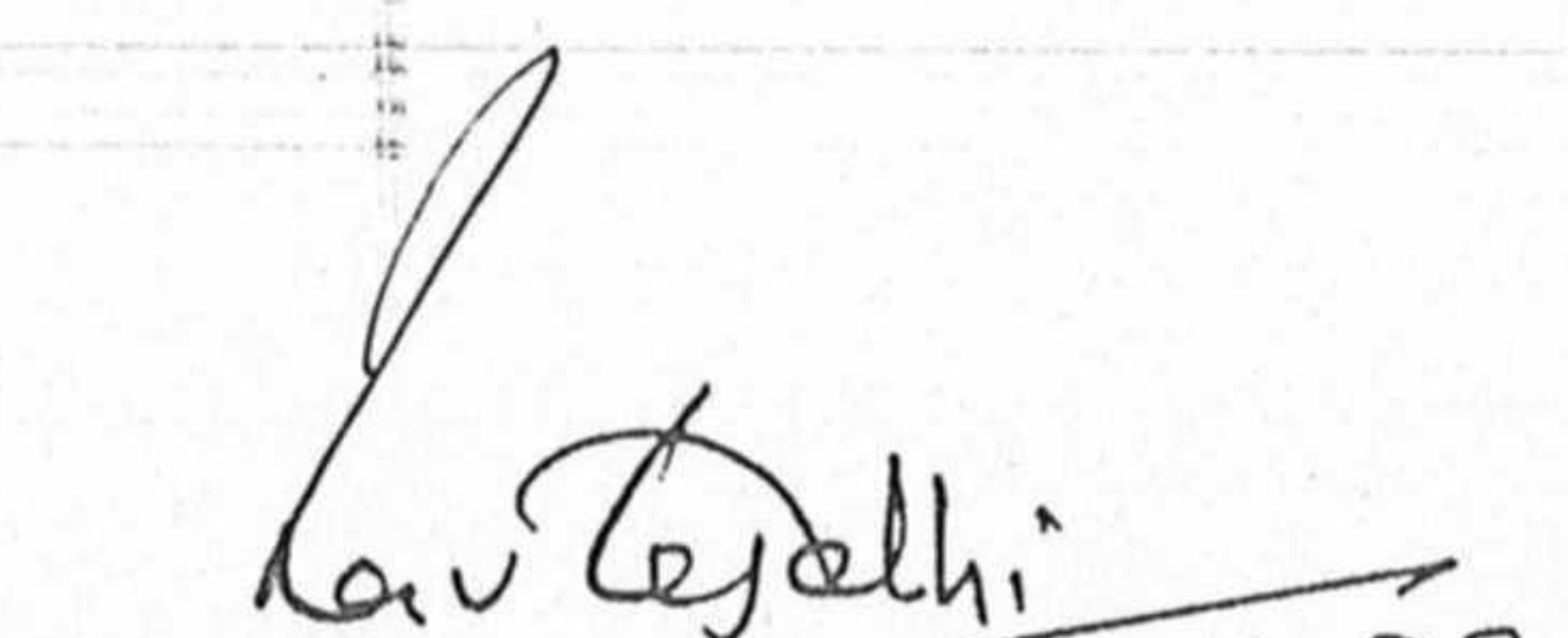
IV. Findings

9. From the foregoing material, it is the finding of the Bench that 'Khadura' and 'Kharuda' are synonyms/surnames of 'Khodra' caste. 'Khadura' and 'Kharuda' should therefore be included in the Central List of Backward classes for the State of Orissa at entry No. 70, so that the amended entry reads as follows:-

"70. Khodra, Khadura, Kharuda"


(U.P. SINGH) 6.8.98


(SAHU AKSHAYA BHAD) 06.08.98


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V. Advice of the NCBC

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

In the light of the factual position as stated above, the caste/community 'Khadura', Kharuda are synonyms of Khodra and should be added in the Central List of Backward Classes for Orissa at entry No. 70, so that the amended entry reads as below:-

"70. Khodra, Khadura, Kharuda"

Madan Mohan Singh
6.8.98

Kastur Bhatti
6.8.98

Ashwani
06.08.98

P. C. Suresh Kumar
11.8.98

P. S. Krishnan
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