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Government of Himachal Pradesh
Department of Higher Education

From

The Addl. Chief Secretary (Edu) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh

To

The Director, Higher Education,
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-171001
Dated: Shimla-171002

28-12-2015

Subject:

Request Letter to join in the list of Association for Protection
of 'Khadi' under Geographical Indication of Goods
(Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

Sir,

I am directed to enclose herewith a photo copy of letter No. Nil
dated 23-11-2015 received from Additional Government Pleader, High Court of Madras,
President Intellectual Property Rights Attorney Association, Chennai-104 on the subject
cited above and to request you to take appropriate action in the matter accordingly.

Yours faithfully,


Joint Secretary (Hr.Edu) to the
Government of Himachal Pradesh.

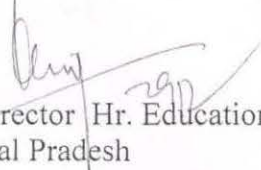
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9. All Deputy Directors / Assistant Directors, Dte. of Hr. Education, H.P.
10. All the Deputy Directors of Hr. Education, H.P. with the remarks that same letter be circulated to all offices / institutions situated in your district.
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Subject : Request Letter to join in the list of Association for Protection of
'Khadi' under Geographical Indication of Goods (Registration and
Protection) Act, 1999.

Respected Sir/Mam,

I humbly bring forward this letter to you, on behalf of the interest of the
manufacturers / Producer of Khadi throughout India, with a request to join in
the List of Association in the GI application for protection of Khadi under the
Geographical Indication of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999.
As we know that Khadi is a cloth having the distinctive qualities of a particular
type that is hand spun and hand woven which has 'cotton' as its literal meaning
according to Sanskrit and Persian Roots. Therefore, Khadi or Khaddar is
conventionally used in entire India in order to refer varieties of coarse cotton
cloth hand woven using hand spun yarn. Khadi was the cloth commonly worn

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by the peasant and artisan groups in pre-industrial India. It was made out of fully grown cotton which would be produced by peasants and labourers, spun/twirled by local women and woven into cloth by men from various specialist weaving castes. Khadi is now considered to be a part of the Indian textiles representing its importance in India. Khadi is now considered as the fabric of the freedom struggle. Since the time Khadi was introduced as a political weapon in 1920 at the Swadeshi movement led by Father Of Nation- Mahatma Gandhi. It was regarded as the best instrument for giving concrete expression to the Swadeshi spirit to boycott foreign goods. Khadi rendered an opportunity to every man, woman and child to cultivate self-discipline and self-sacrifice as a part of the non-cooperation movement.

With this brief on Khadi I have tried to establish the importance of Khadi in our lives and in the Independence of India and also the method of its production is very different and has human touch involved in a unique way. Therefore, with a view and idea to protect Khadi as heritage and also to protect the association of Khadi with India, on behalf of all Khadi/Khaddar movement interest, IPR attorney association has filed a GI application before the GI registry under, the Geographical Indication of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999.

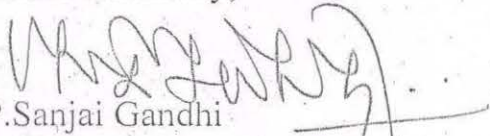
Before the filing of Khadi/Khaddar matter to the registry by the IPR Attorney Association, no application on Khadi/Khaddar was filed since Geographical Indications came into existence; no claim of the same has been done under Intellectual Property Rights in India. Letters regarding the initiative taken to protect Khadi/Khaddar has been sent to few organizations but there has been no reply as of date. IPR Attorney Association is a welfare organization to the Indian Intellectual Property field, Geographical Indication being one of the tools in the IP field. Therefore keeping the interest of the Nation and for the protection of IP law, IPR Attorney Association has filed an application for the protection of Khadi/Khaddar before the GI registry. An Examination Report has been issued by the GI Registry on the filed application, and it is our humble request to all the Khadi Organizations to come and ensemble under one umbrella to jointly file an amended application on achieving Geographical Indication mark for Khadi/Khaddar.

Along with this letter, we hope that your organization will support us and our cause. Kindly reply to the letter as note of your acceptance after marking your seal and signature for the same. It would also be appreciated if you could provide a scan copy of the same and mail it at iprattorneyassociation@yahoo.com.

It is our humble request to direct the same to the appropriate department with the necessary directions for the above (reference issue).

Finally, in anticipation of your positive reply, I would conclude my request by only stating that, Khadi is our heritage and innovation which should always remain with us, i.e. Khadi should always be associated with India and its people, therefore let us join hands and with unity and protect our national heritage. I request you to join our Association in this noble cause of protecting Khadi at the earliest.

Yours Faithfully,



P.Sanjai Gandhi
Additional Government Pleader,
High Court of Madras.

President

Intellectual Property Rights Attorney Association, Chennai.