

they claim to belong to such a tribe.

(b) Scheduled Tribe claims on migration

- (i) Where a person migrates from the portion of the state in respect of which his community is scheduled to another part of the same state in respect of which community is not scheduled, he will continue to be deemed to be a member of the scheduled tribe, in relation to that state;
- (ii) Where a person migrates from one state to another, he can claim to belong to a scheduled tribe, only in relation to the state to which he originally belonged and not in respect of the state to which he has migrated.

(c) Scheduled Tribe claims through marriages

The guiding principle is that no person who was not a scheduled tribe by birth will be deemed to be a member of scheduled tribe merely because he or she has married a person belonging to a scheduled tribe.

Similarly a person who is a member of a schedule tribe would continue to be a member of that scheduled tribe, even after his or her marriage with a person who does not belong to a scheduled tribe.

(d) Issue of scheduled tribe certificates

The candidates belonging to scheduled tribes may be issued scheduled tribe certificates, in the prescribed form from one

of the prescribed authorities that are:

1. District Magistrate/ Additional District Magistrate/ Collector/ Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner/ Deputy Collector/ 1st Class Stipendary Magistrate/ City Magistrate/ Sub Divisional Magistrate/ Taluka Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/ Extra Assistant Commissioner. [not below the rank of 1st Class Stipendary Magistrate]
2. Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Presidency Magistrate
3. Revenue Officers not below the rank of Tehsildar
4. Sub Divisional Officer of the Area where the candidate and/ or his family normally resides
5. Administrator/ Secretary to the Administrator/ Development Officer [Lakshadweep Islands]

(e) Punishments for officials issuing scheduled tribe Certificates without proper verification

Action is to be taken against them under the relevant provisions of the Indian Penal Code if any of them is found to have issued the scheduled tribe certificate carelessly and without proper verification in addition to the action to which they are liable under the appropriate disciplinary rules applicable to them.

(f) Liberalization of procedure for the