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To

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Sub: Issuance and verification of the community certificates in respect of ST/ SC candidates.

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that this Commission has been receiving complaints from ST candidates and various organizations regarding inordinate delay in the issuance of the ST certificates by the district authorities and the resulting difficulties and hardships being faced by them. As you are aware, a person who claims to belong to a Scheduled Tribe (or a SC or OBC) is required to produce a certificate to the recruiting agency (like UPSC, SSC, State PSC, Selection Committee etc.) in support of his claim so as to make him eligible for reservation and various relaxations and concessions available to them in the Constitution of India or any law or order of the Govt. of India. As per the instructions issued by the Govt. of India, the authorities which are competent to issue the community certificates in the format prescribed by the Govt. of India are (i) District Magistrate/ Additional District Magistrate/ Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner/ Deputy Collector- 1st Class Stipendary Magistrate/ Sub Divisional Magistrate/ Taluka Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/ Extra Assistant commissioners; (ii) Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Presidency Magistrate; (iii) Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar; and (iv) Sub Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and/ or his family normally resides. The community certificates by these authorities are required to be issued in the format prescribed by the Govt. of India which, inter-alia, enjoins upon the issuing authorities to indicate in para (1) of the format the name of the Order or the Act notified by the Govt. of India (Ministry of Law & Justice) under which the tribe/ caste was recognized as Scheduled Tribe (or Scheduled Caste) e.g. The Constitution Scheduled Tribes Order, 1950, The SCs & STs Lists Modification Order, 1956, The SCs & STs Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976, The SCs & STs Orders (Amendment) Act, 2002 etc.

2. In view of the position stated above, the Commission would like to know in general the procedure being adopted in your State/ UT for the purpose of verification of the claim of a person to belong to a Scheduled Tribe community on submission of an application by him/ her and in particular with reference to the following points:-

- (1) Whether the certificate is being issued in the format prescribed by the Govt. of India? A copy of the format being used for issuing community certificates may be enclosed for perusal of the Commission? Whether a printed book of certificates has been made available to the certificate issuing authorities?

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