

- (2) Whether the district authorities have been made available copies of the Presidential Orders issued by the Govt. of India from time to time (as mentioned in para 1) to enable them to refer to the concerned Order/ Act under which the community/ tribe (to which the applicant claims to belong in the community certificates)?
 - (3) What are the methods for verification being followed by the district authorities on receipt of an application for issue of a community certificate? Whether possession of land in the State is a necessary condition for issuance of community certificates?
 - (4) What is the time limit prescribed for issuance of the community certificates?
 - (5) In case a ST person belonging to another State has settled in your State on account of his posting as a result of cadre allotment (in the case of all India Services or otherwise) or on account of acquisition of his land for some development project and the consequent decision to settle him in your State, whether the State Govt. have issued any instructions for issue of community certificates to such a person or his family members if the Scheduled Tribe to which he belongs is also a Scheduled Tribe in your State? If not whether the State Govt. proposes to issue instructions to that effect or any other instructions to provide them the benefits available to a Scheduled Tribe?
 - (6) If the certificates of any ST candidates on the basis of which he/she has already been appointed in the Govt. are sent to the district authorities by any appointing authority or institution/ institute for confirmation of the genuineness of those certificates by the issuing authority, whether the process of verification regarding his or her tribal status is again gone through as in the case of a person applying for the first time for issuance of a community/ tribe certificate, it is being done on the basis of the records available with the issuing authority. (This information is required as it has been brought to the notice of the Commission that the district authorities are re-undertaking the verification of the claim of belonging to a Scheduled Tribe on receipt of a reference from an appointing authority for verification of the genuineness of the community certificates and that this has been causing considerable harassment to those ST persons who have already been appointed.)
3. It is requested that the requisite information with respect to the points mentioned above may be sent to the Commission at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

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