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Government of India|Bharat Sarkar  
Ministry of Home Affairs|Grih Mantralaya

To

The Chief Secretaries of all State  
Governments & Union Territory  
Administrations.

New Delhi-110001., the 21 May, 1977/31 Vaisakha,  
1899

SUBJECT:—*Caste status of the offsprings of inter-  
caste married couples.*

Sir,

I am directed to say that enquires about the caste status of the offsprings of the inter-caste married couples, have been sought from this Ministry by various State Governments|Union Territory Administrations from time to time. Accordingly this question has been receiving the attention of this Ministry for quite some time. A set of legal views on the caste status of such offsprings was already brought out vide this Ministry's letter of even number dated the 4th March, 1975. The matter has, however, been further examined and the comprehensive legal position about the status of the offsprings born to couples where one or both of the spouses is|are member(s) of Scheduled Castes and or Scheduled Tribes, is given in the enclosed Annexures (A to D).

2. It is requested that these instructions may be circulated among all the authorities empowered to

issue Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe certificates.

Yours faithfully,  
(O. R. SRINIVASAN)

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INDIA

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