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No. 35[1/72-R.U. (SCT.V)

Government of India|Bharat Sarkar

Ministry of Home Affairs|Grih Mantralaya

To

The Chief Secretaries of all State Governments
and Union Territory Administration.

New Delhi-110001, Dated the 2 May, 1975/

12 Vaisakha, 1897.

Subject: Issue of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled
Tribe certificates.

Sir,

I am directed to state that complaints are often received that Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe certificates are given to persons who do not in fact belong to a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribes. It is necessary, therefore, that the Certificate issuing authorities should make a proper verification before they actually issue such a certificate.

2. In this connection a set of points which should be taken into account are enclosed for the guidance of those empowered to issue Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe certificates. It is requested that these instructions may be circulated amongst them.

Yours faithfully,

(O. K. MOORTHY)

Director General, BCW

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2. All attached and subordinate offices of M.H.A.
3. The Union Public Service Commission, Dholpur House, New Delhi-110011.
4. The Deptt. of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Estt. (SCT) Section, New Delhi.
5. The Commissioner for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe, Ramakrishnapuram New Delhi.

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Issue of Scheduled Caste and Tribe Certificate-Points
to be observed.

1. General: (Applicable in all cases)

Where a person claims to belong to a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe by birth it should be verified:—

- (i) that the person and his parents actually belong to the community claimed;
- (ii) that this community is included in the Presidential Orders specifying the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in relation to the concerned State.
- (iii) that the person belongs to that State and to the area within that State in respect of which the community has been scheduled;
- (iv) if the person claims to be a Scheduled Caste, he should profess either the Hindu or the Sikh religion;
- (v) if the person claims to be a Scheduled Tribe, he may profess any religion.

2. Cases of 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 his community is not scheduled, he will continue to be deemed to be a member of the Scheduled Caste or the Scheduled Tribe, as the case may be, in relation to that State;
- (ii) where a person migrates from one State to another, he can claim to belong to a Scheduled Caste or 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.