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The Chief Secretaries of all States /
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Sub: Verification / acceptance of caste certificates produced by candidates – Recommendation of the Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Sir,

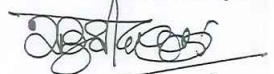
I am directed to say that the Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in its Twenty-ninth Report (14th Lok Sabha) had, inter alia, recommended that DOPT should ensure that there is uniformity in the wording of the caste certificates and that the certificates are issued in English or Hindi also in addition to the official language of the State.

2. The Government communicated the view to the Parliamentary Committee that there was no need to insist that the caste certificates be issued only in Hindi or English. The Committee, in response, in its Second Report (15th Lok Sabha) has observed as follows:-

"In regard to issue of certificate, the intention of the Committee does not seem to have been understood by the Government that is why they have forwarded the argument that there is no need to issue certificate either in Hindi or English and appointing authority may get the certificate translated into English or Hindi issued by the State Government, if such a need arises. The Committee had recommended that caste certificate be issued, besides the official language of the State, either in English or Hindi and not that it should be issued either in English or Hindi only. The Committee, therefore, reiterate their earlier recommendation."

3. The matter has been examined in the light of above observations of the Parliamentary Committee and it is felt that issue of certificates, besides in the official language of the State, in Hindi or English would facilitate the appointing authorities under the Government of India to consider the claims of the candidates to belong to a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe or Other Backward Class, as the case may be. It is, therefore, requested that if the Certificate issuing authorities in your State are issuing the Caste / Community Certificates in a language other than English or Hindi, it may simultaneously be issued in English or Hindi as well.

Yours sincerely,



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