

No. 12016/28/90-SCD (R.Cull)
Govt. of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Welfare/Kalyan Mantralaya

New, Delhi, dated 20th November, 1990

To,

The Secretary,
Social Welfare Department/
Department dealing with the welfare of SC/ST
of all the State Governments/U.T. Administrations.

Subject: Removal of bar on the Scheduled Casts converts to Buddhism from being deemed to be members of the Scheduled Castes.

Sir,

In Continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated 31.7.1990 on the subject, I am directed to say that with the amendment of the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders, 1950 by the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Act, 1990, the Scheduled Caste communities which are included in the Presidential Orders and converted to Buddhist religion shall be deemed to be a member of the Scheduled Caste.

2. While issuing the Scheduled Caste certificates to these persons, the same procedure has to be followed as applicable to the members of other Scheduled Caste communities belonging to Hindu and Sikh religions.
3. The form of caste certificate will also remain the same as applicable to other Scheduled Caste communities (Annexure).
4. All the State Governments/U.T. Administrations are, therefore, requested to follow the above procedure for issuing Scheduled Caste certificates to the persons professing Buddhist religion provided:
 - (a) The name of the community for which Scheduled Caste certificate is to be issued is included in the Presidential Order specifying the Scheduled Castes in relation to the concerned State/Union Territory;
 - (b) That the person and his parents actually belong to the community claimed;
 - (c) That the person belongs to the State and to the area within that State in respect of which the community has been scheduled and that
 - (d) The person claiming to be a Scheduled Caste professes either the Hindu, the Sikh or the Buddhist religion.
5. The certificate issuing authorities may kindly be instructed to make proper verification before issuing such certificates.

Yours faithfully
Sd/
(B.N. Srivastava)
Director