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The Chief Secretaries of all  
States/Union Territories**Subject:** Verification of claims of candidates to belong to  
Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other  
Backward Classes.

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Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of this Department that some candidates manage to secure employment under the Government against the vacancies reserved for SCs/STs/OBCs on the basis of false/forged caste/ community certificates. It is a serious matter which can only be tackled with the cooperation of the State Governments.

2. Instructions issued by this Department require the appointing authorities to verify the caste status of SC/ST/OBC candidates at the time of initial appointment. Accordingly, the concerned appointing authorities, at the time of initial appointment of SC/ST/OBC candidates against vacancies reserved for them, make a request to the concerned district authorities to certify the veracity of caste/community certificate produced by the candidate. Many a time, the district authorities take unduly long time to respond. Where verification is not completed in time, the candidates are given appointment on provisional basis pending verification of their caste status. Some candidates continue to hold the post on the basis of false/forged certificates in the absence of proper response from district authorities. Chances of collusion of the candidate with some unscrupulous employee(s) at the district level cannot also be ruled out.

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