

Department of Personnel and Training OM No. 36012/6/88-Estt (SCT)
dated the 24-4-90

Subject:— Verification/acceptance of castes certificates produced by candidates.

It has been brought to the notice of the government that there are cases in which candidates have produced false caste certificates as belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and secured Central Government jobs against vacancies reserved for SCs/STs. Instructions already exist which provide that the services of the candidates claiming to be belonging to SCs/STs would be terminated, if their claims are found to be false on subsequent verification through District Magistrates.

2. At present the following certificates can be accepted by the appointing authorities as sufficient proof in support of candidate's claim as belonging to SC/STs.

Matriculation or school leaving certificate or birth certificate giving the caste/community of the candidate and the place of his residence.

3. It has now been decided that henceforth the certificates as mentioned in para 2 above should not be accepted as proof of caste at the time of initial appointment. The Caste/Tribe certificates issued by the following authorities in the prescribed form in Appendix 14 of the Brochure on Reservation for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (Seventh Edition) will only be accepted.

(1) District Magistrate/Additional District Magistrate/Collector Deputy Commissioner/Additional Deputy Commissioner/Deputy Collector/1st Class Stipendary Magistrate/Sub Divisional Magistrate/Taluka Magistrate/Executive Magistrate/Extra Assistant Commissioner.

(2) Chief Presidency Magistrate/Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/Presidency Magistrate.

(3) Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar, and

(4) Sub-Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and/or his family normally resides.

4. It has also been decided that henceforth the appointing authorities should, in the offer of appointment to be candidates claiming to be belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, include a clause as follows:

"The appointment is provisional and is subject to the castes/tribe certificates being verified through the proper channels and if the verification reveals that the claim to belong to Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe, as the case may be, is false, the services will be terminated forthwith without assigning any further reasons and without prejudice to such further action as may be taken under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code for production of false certificates".

5. Ministries/Departments are requested to note for strict compliance.