No.410/34.3/2012-Estt.(Res.)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training

North Block, New Delhi-110001
Dated the 11th April, 2012

To

The Chief Secretaries of all the States/
Union Territories.

Subject: - Verification of caste certificates by District authorities.

Sir,

Attention is drawn to Department of Personnel and Training’s letter No.36022/1/2007-Estt. (Res.) dated 20th March, 2007 whereby the Chief Secretaries of all States Union Territories were requested to streamline the system of verification of caste certificates so that unscrupulous non-SC/ST/OBC persons are prevented from securing jobs meant for SCs/STs/OBCs by producing false certificate. They were also advised to issue instructions in this regard to the concerned District Magistrates/ District Collectors/ Deputy Commissioners of the districts to ensure at their own level that veracity of the caste/ community certificate referred to the district authorities is verified and reported to the appointing authority within one month of receipt of request from such authority. They were further requested that disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against officers who default in timely verification of caste status in such cases or issue false certificates to rule out collusion between candidates holding false/ forged certificate and employees at the district level or sub-district level.

2. Recently the Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on the Ministry of Railway in its 28th Report (14th Lok Sabha) on the subject of false-caste certificates had, inter-alia, observed as under:-
"The Ministry of Railways to take up the matter of pending false caste certificate cases, lying with District Collectors with the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions who are the cadre controlling Ministry over the Collectors and to ensure that all the State Governments constitute appropriate District Level Committee (DLC) in every district urgently and to instruct them to hold regular meetings so that cases of investigation of false caste certificates are not held up for want of proper DLC or non holding of meetings by such Committee."

3. Keeping in view of the direction given by the Parliamentary Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on the Ministry of Railways, it is requested that instructions may be issued to the concerned District Magistrates/ District Collectors/ Deputies Commissioners of the districts etc. to verify the details of the candidate(s) before issuing the caste certificates so that the benefits of reservation and other schemes of concessions, etc. meant for SCs/STs/OBCs go only to the rightful claimants. As desired by the Parliamentary Committee a District Level Committee may also be constituted in each District. The Committee be instructed to hold regular meetings to ensure timely verification of caste certificates.

Yours faithfully,

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