

CHAPTER 12

DEFINITION AND LISTS* OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

12.1 A person shall be held to be a member of a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe, as the case may be, if he belongs to a Caste or a tribe which under the—

- (i) Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950; the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950; the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) (Union Territories) Order, 1951. The Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) (Union Territories) Order, 1951 [as amended by] the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Lists (Modification) Order, 1956. The Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960; the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966; The State of Himachal Pradesh Act, 1970, the North Eastern Areas (Reorganisation) Act, 1971 and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976;
- (ii) The Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order, 1956;
- (iii) The Constitution (Andaman and Nicobar Islands) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1959 as amended by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976;
- (iv) The Constitution (Dadra and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Castes Order, 1962;
- (v) The Constitution (Dadra and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1962;
- (vi) The Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order, 1964;
- (vii) The Constitution (Uttar Pradesh) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1967;
- (viii) The Constitution (Goa, Daman and Diu) Scheduled Castes Order, 1968;
- (ix) The Constitution (Goa, Daman and Diu) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1968;
- (x) The Constitution (Nagaland) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1970;
- (xi) The Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Castes Order, 1978;
- (xii) The Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1978;

has been declared to be a Scheduled Castes or a Scheduled Tribes for the area of which he/she is resident.

12.2 A list of point which should be taken into account by the authorities empowered to issue Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes certificates have been circulated by the Ministry of Home Affairs (SCT Division) to all State Governments and Union Territory Administration for the guidance of such authorities. These points are given in Appendix 15. The Ministry of Home Affairs have also emphasised the need for a proper verification being made by the Ministry of Home Affairs proper verification being made by the certificate issuing authorities before they actually issue a certificate.

12.3 Cases in which a doubt arises whether a person is a Scheduled Caste/Tribe or not may be referred to the Ministry of Welfare (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Division), Shastri Bhavan, A-Wing, New Delhi.

*Given in appendix 20.