

EASTERN RAILWAY

Kolkata , Dated : 07/07/2016

No.E.220/0/2/RR/Pt.XVII.

ALL CONCERNED

Sub : Verification/acceptance of Caste Certificates produced by candidates.

A copy of Railway Board's letter No.2016-E(SCT)I/31/1 dated 23.06.2016(RBE No.75/2016) is forwarded for information, guidance and necessary action.

(S. Chakraborty)
Sr. Personnel Officer(BGB)
For Chief Personnel Officer.

Copy of Railway Board's letter No.2016-E(SCT)I/31/1 dated 23.06.2016 (RBE No.75/2016) addressed to General Manager(P), All Indian Railway and others.

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Attention is invited to Railway Board's letter No.82-E(SCT)31/16 dated 01.10.1982 forwarding therewith a copy of Ministry of Home Affairs letter No. BC-12025/1/82 SC & BCD-IV dated 29.06.1982, wherein it has been desired that each officer who has been assigned the responsibility of recruitment or maintenance of the service Records of the employees should ensure that Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe certificates issued by the civil authorities are properly checked. If any discrepancy is noticed in such certificates, it should be immediately brought to the notice of the civil authorities for necessary action. Thereafter, a copy of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (DOP&T) O.M. No. 36036/8/98-Estt(Res) dated 16.03.1999 regarding verification/acceptance of Caste Certificate produced by candidates was circulated for information and strict compliance.

On receipt of instances of appointment on the Railway's based on bogus/false caste certificate claiming to belong to SC/ST/OBC, the said Board's letter dated 04.05.1999 was reiterated for its strict compliances.

A lot of complaints are being received in Board's Office regarding submission of fake caste certificates by the persons employed in Railways. In a vigilance case, the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has inter-alia advised to take appropriate steps for genuineness/verification of such certificates before any kind of appointment.

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (DOP&T) vide O.M. No.36011/1/2012-Estt. (Res) dated 08.10.2015 have reiterated the instructions on verification of claims of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes for purpose of appointment to posts/services. A copy of the above O.M No. of DOP&T is also circulated herewith for information, guidance and strict compliance.

The above may please be brought to the notice of all concerned for following scrupulously.

DA : As above.

Sd/-
(S. P. Mahi)
Executive Director Estt. (Res.)

No.36011/1/2012-Estt.(Res.)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel and Training
Establishment Reservation – I Section

North Block, New Delhi-110 001
Dated the 8th October, 2015.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Reiteration of the instructions on verification of claims of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes for purpose of appointment to posts/services. 1/

The undersigned is directed to say that as per extant instructions where a candidate belonging to a Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) is unable to produce a certificate from any of the prescribed authorities, he/she may be appointed provisionally on the basis of whatever prima-facie proof he/she is able to produce in support of his/her claim subject to his/her furnishing the prescribed certificate within a reasonable time. Instructions have been issued vide DoPT's letter No.36022/1/2007-Estt.(Res.) dated 20.3.2007 to the Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs for streamlining 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 certificates. Timely and effective verification of caste status is necessary so that the benefit of reservation and other scheme of concessions etc. go only to the rightful claimants.

2. In this regard, attention is invited to the instructions contained in the following Office Memoranda/Orders issued by this Department from time to time. A copy each of the Office Memoranda is enclosed:-

- (i) OM No. 36019/7/75-Estt. (SCT) dated 31.10.1975
- (ii) OM No. 36011/16/80 – Estt. (SCT) dated 27.02.1981
- (iii) OM No. 36011/3/2005-Estt. (Res.) dated 09.09.2005
- (iv) OM No. 36012/6/88-Estt.(SCT) dated 24.4.1990

3. Instances have been brought to the notice of this Department that despite the aforesaid instructions, the appointments of the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC communities are with-held/delayed due to pending caste certificates verification.

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4. It is, therefore, reiterated that in the situation where a candidate belonging to a Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes is unable to produce a certificate from any of the prescribed authorities, he/she may be appointed provisionally on the basis of whatever prima-facie proof he/she is able to produce in support of his/her claim subject to his/her furnishing the prescribed certificate within a reasonable time and if there is genuine difficulty in his/her obtaining a certificate, the appointing authority should itself verify his/her claim through the District Magistrate concerned.

5. All Ministries/ Departments are requested to bring the contents of this O.M. to the notice of all concerned.

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