

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT
WRITERS' BUILDINGS**

NQ.3361 (110)-BCW/MR-103/1994

Kolkata, the 16th December, 2008.

- To : 1) The District Magistrate,
- 2) The Sub-Divisional Officer,

Sub: Instruction for issue of Other Backward Classes Certificates to the castes declared as such in/under the Central Lists but are not included in the State List of OBC's,

The Government of West Bengal vide its Memo No.374(71)-TW/EC dated the 27th July, 1994, declared the SDOs as the competent authorities for issuing the OBC certificates to the OBC's as included in the State list of OBCs, Now, a question has arisen as to who would issue OBC certificates to applicants of those communities recognized as OBCs by the Central Government in the Central list of OBCs in this State and are presently not included in the State list of OBCs.

After careful consideration of the matter, the Governor is pleased to direct that for the purpose of issuing certificates to Backward Classes enlisted in the Central List in the prescribed proforma, the concerned SDO's of the Sub-Division shall be "the competent authority. As regards the town of Kolkata as defined in section 3 of the Kolkata Police Act, 1866, the D.M. South 24 Parganas, shall act as competent authority to issue Backward Classes certificate to the applicant of the concerned area. The existing procedure for issue of caste/tribe certificate to the members of the SC/ST community shall be applicable, mutatis mutandis, in cases of issue of certificates to the members of the Backward Classes. He shall issue necessary "Backward Classes" certificates in the proforma prescribed for this purpose by the Central Government after he is satisfied that the applicant belongs to a member of the Backward Classes in West Bengal and also satisfies the eligibility criteria.

A copy of the proforma for issuing a Backward Classes certificate by the competent authority in respect of these particular cases is enclosed.



Secretary to the Govt.
of West Bengal.