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Subject: Certificate regarding Caste/Tribe status and permanent residence of a person.

It has come to the notice of Government that Pradhans of Gram Panchayat, Chairman of Municipalities/Notified Area Authorities and Councillors of Municipal Corporation issue certificates to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes people stating simply that the person belongs to SC and ST and resides within the jurisdiction of the Gram Panchayat, Municipality/Notified Area and Municipal Corporation. This type of certificate does not help proper verification of Caste/Tribe status and the permanent residence of a person applying for a Caste/Tribe Certificate.

Hence it is requested whenever Pradhan/Chairman/Councillor issues the certificate in favour of any person regarding his/her Caste/Tribe status and permanent residence, he shall specifically mention that the person or his/her father/grandfather/great grandfather or any other predecessor has been living in any particular area or areas since 1950 and that the person and his/her predecessors belong to any of the communities mentioned in the list of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in relation to West Bengal (list of SC & ST enclosed)

It may further be mentioned that unless these points are specifically mentioned such certificate will not carry any value for verification of the Caste/Tribe status and permanent residence of the person concerned while issuing a SC/ST certificate.