

Government of West Bengal  
Backward Classes Welfare Department  
Writers' Building , Calcutta-1

No. 929-BCW/SC/O/Sch/MR-105/95

Dated, Kolkata, the 13<sup>th</sup> March,2003

**MEMORANDUM**

The prevalent minimum age limit for obtaining the caste Identification certificate of Other Backward Classes in this State is 16 years vide this Department order No. 1632-BCW dt. 12.04.2001.

But state Government have been receiving representations from various quarters for lowering further the minimum age limit for the purpose of issuing Caste identification Certificates for other Backward classes in this State.

Notification extending the benefit of reservation in admission to educational institutions up to the Higher Secondary level to Other Backward classes candidates is going to be issued shortly. In order to enjoy the benefit of reservation in admission the Other Backward Classes candidates have to prove their caste status on production of Caste Identification Certificate duly issued by the appropriate authorities. As in most of such cases, the age of the candidate is usually less than 16 years.

In the above context and after careful consideration of all aspects, the Governor is now pleased in partial modification of this Department's Memo. No. 1632-BCW dated the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2001 to lower the minimum age limit for issue of caste identification certificate in respect of Other Backward Classes in this state from 16 to 4 years in all cases.

The order shall take immediate effect and shall remain valid until further orders.

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ex-officio Assistant Secretary to the  
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