## GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT Writers' Buildings

No. <u>1228-BCW</u> MR-369/98 (Pt.-I) Calcutta, the 27<sup>th</sup> May, 1999.

## **MEMORANDUM**

It has been observed from references received by this Department that a lot of confusion amongst the certificate issuing authorities in the matter of determining permanent residence of persons belonging to Backward Classes other than S.C. and S.T. has been persisting.

After careful consideration of all aspects it has been decided that 15.03.1993 i.e. the date on which the Notification setting up the West Bengal Commission for Backward Classes was issued shall be considered as the reference date for determining permanent residential status of a person belonging to notified Backward Classes of citizens other than S.C. & S.T. Any person not being an S.C. or S.T. residing in this State permanently on \*[or before] that date shall be eligible for an Other Backward Classes certificate, provided that he/she belongs to notified Backward Classes and fulfils other criteria for issuance of such certificate.

All certificate issuing authorities may act accordingly.

Sd/- K. Jhala, Principal Secretary, *B.C.W. Department.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>\*</sup> Subs. for the words 'and from' vide Memo. No. 944-BCW dated 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2000.