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No.23037/G1/2003/SCSTDD SC/ST Devt.(G) Department,  
Thiruvananthapuram,  
Dated 18.11.2003.

From The Principal Secretary to Govt.

To The Director,  
Sch.Castes Devt. Department,  
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director,  
Sch.Tribes Devt. Department,  
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Director,  
KERIADS, Kozhikode-17.

All District Collectors.

Sir,

SCS: Verification of caste certificates of SC/ST-  
Instructions - regarding.

Ref: D.O.L.No:12017/6/2003-SCD (RL-Cell)  
dt.30.10.2003 from Sri. B.S. Baswan, Secretary  
to Govt. of India, Ministry of Social Justice  
and Empowerment, New Delhi<sup>n</sup>.


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I am to forward herewith a copy of the D.O.  
letter cited for information and strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,

G. MURALEEDHARAN,  
DEPUTY SECRETARY,  
For Principal Secretary to Govt.

Approved for Issue.

  
Section Officer

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KERIADS, Kozhikode,  
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October 30, 2003

Dear (Handwritten) Sir,

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10/30/03

The Parliamentary Committee for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has brought to the notice of this Ministry the problem of fake caste certificates being obtained by several persons to get employment in various Banks and Public Sector Undertakings, etc. The Committee have been informed by the respective management of these institutions that they have taken action against such employees, but in some cases action are delayed or pending due to non-receipt of a reply from the Collector/District Magistrates concerned who had issued these certificates and to whom cases of issuance of these false caste certificates were referred for verification. Such delay on the part of Collectors/District Magistrates gives ample time to these defaulters who, in the meantime obtain stay orders from Courts thereby resulting in further delay in taking action. In some instances cases are also referred to the District Scrutiny Committee for verification, which takes a long time to process and the persons who have committed the offence enjoyed the benefits for years.

2. In view of the foregoing, the Committee for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has requested that corrective measures be taken in this regard. The Committee also suggested that instructions should be issued to all Collectors/District Magistrates, making them personally responsible for delay in these cases. The Committee has also desired that while issuing directions/instructions to Collectors/District Magistrates, it may be clearly indicated that if any case for verification of caste certificates is referred to them and reply thereto by the Collectors/District Magistrates concerned is not sent within a specified period of one month, the caste certificate can be treated as a false certificate.

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3. We would like to draw your kind attention to the judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of Madhuri Patil [ Civil Appeal No.5854 of 1994 (arising out of SLP (Civil) No.14767 of 1993] wherein the Apex Court has directed that the caste certificates be scrutinized at the earliest and with utmost expedition and promptitude. It directed the Government to streamline the procedure for the issuance of social status certificate, their scrutiny and their approval. In view of the directions of the Supreme Court it is requested that the verification for the caste status may be done expeditiously as per the procedure prescribed by the Apex Court, so that the constitutional obligations intended for benefits and advancement of the genuine Scheduled Castes are not defeated by unscrupulous persons.

4. We would further request that instructions be issued to the Collectors/District Magistrates regarding verification of the caste certificates as indicated in the preceding para 2. If there is any particular difficulty in this regard on account of legal or administrative reasons, etc., the same may be brought to the notice of this Ministry for examination of the matter.

With regards and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

  
( B.S. Baswan)

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