

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
ABSTRACT

Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes - Inclusion of
Catholical Kammalar' community in the State List of Other
Backward Classes - Advice of the Kerala State Commission for
Backward Classes - Accepted - Orders issued

SC ST DEVELOPMENT (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(MS) No.46/2001/SCSIDD

Trivandrum, Dated:26-9-01

Re:- D.O.Letter No.14/C1/94 KSCBC dated 1-1-2001
from the Member Secretary, Kerala State Commission
for Backward Classes, Trivandrum

O R D E R

President and Secretary of the Catholical Acharimar
Bangham, Trivandrum (CAS and others) submitted represent-
ations to the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes
requesting that the Kammalar (also called Kannalar) profe-
ssing the Christian faith may be given the benefit of
reservation granted to Hindu Kammalar as they are observing
the rituals of High Hindu Kammalar in respect of marriage
and death and they continue in the hereditary vocation of
goldsmithy. The Commission requested the Anthropological
Iyer International Centre for Anthropological Studies
to conduct a field study of the community in the light of
the Criteria evolved by the commission to identify
Backward classes of citizens.

The Ananthakrishna Iyer International Centre for
Anthropological Studies (AICAS) after conducting survey
reported that the economic condition of the community cannot
be said to be very ^{backward} /revealed that the education level of the
Catholical Kammalar could not be said to be high.

Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes carefully
considered the request, took evidence and also assessed the
report of Ananthakrishna Iyer International Centre for
Anthropological Studies (AICAS), regarding the inclusion
of Catholical Kammalar' community in the list of Other
Backward Classes in the state of Kerala for reservation
in public service in the light of the judgment passed by
the Supreme Court and the criteria evolved by the commission

to identify the Backward Classes of citizens. The commission is of the view that the above community need not be included in the state list of Other Backward Classes under Rule 16 (4) of the Indian constitution

4. The commission tendered their advice to Govt. under section 9 (1) of the act that the community called Catholica Kammalar (Thamizh Thattar) mentioned in representations need not be included in the state list of Other Backward Classes in the state of Kerala.

5. In the circumstances Govt. are pleased to accept the advice tendered by the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes contained in the report forwarded alongwith the letter read above under section 9 (1) of the MMAKAM K.S.C.BC Act 1993, and order that 'Catholica Kammalar' Community need not be included in the state list of other Backward Classes for reservation jobs in public services.

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR

L. NATARAJAN
SECRETARY.

To

- ✓ The Registrar, Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, Plamood High Road, Trivandrum.
- The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Patton, Trivandrum (with C.L.)
- All Dist. Collectors
- The Director of Public Relations, Trivandrum.
- The General Adm. (SC) Dept., vide item No.174 dated 29-8-2004.
- The President, Catholica Acharimar Sangham
T.C. 24/1589, Mettukada, Brakkam Road, Inycaud, Trivandrum.
- The Private Secretary to Chief Minister
- The Private Secretary to the Minister (B&SC)
- The C.A. to Secretary, SCSTDD
- The C.A. to Addl. Secretary, SCSTDD
- The CoA. to Joint Secretary, SCSTDD

FORWARDED/BY ORDER


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