



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

COMMUNITY CERTIFICATES—SCHEDULED CASTE CERTIFICATES TO MEMBERS OF  
SEMMAN COMMUNITY WHO HAD DECLARED CASTE AS "CHEMMAN"—  
GRANT OF—ORDERS ISSUED

SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES DEVELOPMENT  
(G) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (F) 90/98/SCSTDD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 17th October, 1998.

- Read:—1. Lr. No. AIV (2) 26539/94/GW. dated 9-12-1994 from the Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission.
2. Lr. No. Dev. A3-19218/95, dated 28-1-1995 from the Director, Scheduled Castes Development Department.
3. Representation dated 7-7-1997 from the President, "Akhila Kerala (Hindu) Chemman/Semman Samajam", Kanjiraparappara, Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

In the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950, promulgated by the President of India, Semman Community had been included in the Scheduled Castes List in respect of Madras State as serial No. 72. It was not a Scheduled Caste in the then Travancore-Cochin State. After the re-organisation of the States, the lists of Scheduled Castes were modified by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes List (Modification) Order 1956, wherein, Semman had been included as a Scheduled Caste against serial No. 33 in respect of the Malabar District, as specified by Section 5(2) of the State Reorganisation Act, 1956. As per the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled-Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976, the lists were further amended, whereby the area restriction in respect of Semman Community was also removed and it became a Scheduled Caste throughout Kerala with effect from 27-7-1977 and is now included in the Scheduled Castes List of Kerala as serial No. 60.

2. The descendants of the members of Semman community who had migrated from Terni Nodu and settled at various places in Southern Kerala, especially in Thiruvananthapuram and Kollam Districts now use their caste

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name in the vernacular tongue as "Chemman" (Chemman is the Malayal equivalent of the Tamil nomenclature Semman). But the entry in the list of Scheduled Castes being Semman in the Tamil form, those who had declared their caste as Chemman (ചെമ്മൻ) in the Malayalam version, are denied the benefits of Scheduled Castes. Pending modification of the list of Scheduled Castes, "Chemman" has been included as a separate entry, in the list of 'Other Eligible Communities' (OEC) for grant of the usual educational concessions admissible to members of Scheduled Castes.

3. As "Semman" is only the Tamil form of Chemman as included in the list of Other Eligible Communities and also as the benefits of Scheduled Castes are being denied to members of the community for no fault of theirs, and for more than two decades with the lasting solution standing over, Government consider it unjustifiable to keep them waiting all along; and therefore they issue the following orders to enable them to have the benefits of Scheduled Castes:

- 1) Members of Semman Community as included in the Scheduled Castes List of Kerala and who had declared their caste as "Chemman (ചെമ്മൻ)" for educational or other purposes, if apply for Scheduled Caste certificate claiming to be members of Semman Community, shall be entitled to Scheduled Caste certificate as Semman, provided the other conditions for grant of Scheduled Caste certificates are satisfied.
- 2) All the procedure for grant of Scheduled Caste certificates shall be followed in such cases, and only if it is proved beyond doubt that they actually belong to Chemman caste, that Scheduled Caste certificate shall be granted as Semman.
- 3) Caste entry in the S.S.L.C. Books and other documents shall not be conclusive evidence to prove Chamman/Semman caste status. But blood relation with those who are getting Scheduled Caste certificates as Semman shall be a relevant factor.
- 4) Whether a particular applicant actually belongs to Chemman Community, may be determined in the same manner as verification of bonafides of the claims in respect of those who had declared caste as Semman and getting Scheduled Caste certificates as such; and following the Government Orders/Circulars on grant of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe certificates.
- 5) For all matters already settled under statutory provisions or in accordance with executive orders/prospectus/the prescribed procedure, these orders shall have only prospective application.

- Provided that, in respect of those who had been granted benefits of Scheduled Castes for any specific purpose based on the Scheduled Caste Certificate as "Chemman" and continue to avail of the benefit flowing out of that certificate (ex. appointment in Public Services), they shall continue to be entitled to the status of Scheduled Castes, on production of a certificate issued in accordance with these orders.
- (6) Only in the cases, where it is impossible for the Revenue Authorities to decide whether the applicant for Semman certificate as per these orders really belong to Chemman/Semman Caste, that, such cases need be referred to the Director of Scheduled Caste Development Department for decision.
- (7) The authorities concerned should ensure that those belonging to Chemman Community who have secured admission in the educational institutions on consideration other than Scheduled Caste status, do not avail of benefits of Scheduled Castes and Other Eligible Communities simultaneously.

By order of the Governor,

S. SUBBIAH,  
*Special Secretary to Government.*

To

All District Collectors.  
All Revenue Divisional Officers/Sub-Collectors/Deputy Collectors  
(Through District Collector) §  
All Tahasildars.  
The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission (with C.L.)  
All Heads of Departments.  
All District Scheduled Caste }  
Development Officers. } Through Director of Scheduled  
All Taluk Scheduled Caste } Caste Development Department  
Development Officers. }  
The Accountant General (Accounts and Entitlements), Kerala,  
Thiruvananthapuram.  
The Principal Accountant General (Audit), Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram  
The Secretary, U.P.S.C., New Delhi (with C.L.)  
The Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Personnel and Public  
Grievances, New Delhi (with C.L.)

- The Registrar, CAT, Ernakulam Bench, Ernakulam (with C.L.)
- The Registrar, University of Kerala/M.G. University/ Cochin University of Science and Technology/University of Calicut /Kerala Agricultural University/Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Ernakulam.
- All Heads of Public Sector Undertakings.
- Heads of all Autonomous Bodies, Cultural and other Institutions.
- Heads of all Co-operative Organisations.
- Secretaries to Development Authorities.
- Secretaries to the Municipal Corporation of Thiruvananthapuram/Kochi/Kozhikode.
- The Station Director, All India Radio, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Chief Post Master General, Kerala Circle, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Divisional Railway Managers, Thiruvananthapuram/Palakkad.
- The General Manager, Southern Railway, Madras.
- The Chief General Manager, Telecommunications, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Commissioner for Income Tax, Thiruvananthapuram/Kochi.
- The Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Thiruvananthapuram/Kochi/Kozhikode.
- The Director of Census Operations, Poonkulam, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Regional Passport Officer, Thiruvananthapuram/Kochi/Kozhikode.
- The Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Air Command, IAF, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Director Doordarsan Kendram, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Collector of Customs, Kochi.
- The Chairman, Cochin Port Trust, Kochi.
- The Flag Officer-Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, Kochi.
- The Secretary, Banking Service Recruitment Board, Thiruvananthapuram/Bangalore.
- The Secretary to Governor.
- The Private Secretary to Chief Minister and other Ministers.
- The Private Secretary to Leader of Opposition and Government Chief Whip.
- The Director of Public Relations.
- Stock file/O.C.