

Notification in the Gazette regarding Change of Name, Religion and Community

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Public Services—Change of name, religion and community—Certificate from the competent authority—Notification in the Gazette - Further orders issued

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SERVICES-D) DEPARTMENT

G. O. Ms. No. 195/85/GAD

24th May 1985.

- Read:—1. G. O. MS. No. 63/79/DD dated 16-4-1979.
2. G. O. MS. No. 80/84/GAD dated 14-3-1984.
3. From the Director of Printing and Stationery (Printing),
Trivandrum, Letter No. 22689/84/D6 dated 19-6-1984.

ORDER

In the G. O. read as first paper the following procedure was laid down for dealing with requests for issue of community certificate for purpose of (i) changing the name of an 'other backward classes' community or a forward class community to a Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Other Eligible Community and (ii) for changing the name of a Scheduled Caste to a Scheduled Tribe community or vice-versa:—

“Whenever request for community certificate for the purpose of (i) changing the name of an 'other backward classes' community or a forward class Community to a Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Other Eligible community, or (ii) for changing the name of a Scheduled Caste to a Scheduled Tribe community or vice versa are received, the concerned Tahsildar or his superior officer, as the case may be, should forward such cases, with his enquiry report thereon, to the Director of Harijan Welfare in cases involving Scheduled Castes and to Director of Tribal Welfare in cases involving Scheduled Tribes. Thereupon the Director of Harijan Welfare or the Director of Tribal Welfare as the case may be, will arrange for anthropological investigation as to the communities of such applicants being conducted by the Special Officer, Tribal Research and Training Centre, Kozhikode, (present Director, KIRTADS) and obtain report from him. The Director of Harijan Welfare/Director of Tribal Welfare will examine the report from the Tahsildar or his superior officer and that from the Special Officer, Tribal Research and Training Centre and arrive at a finding as to the actual community of the applicant and intimate the findings to the Tahsildar or higher officer concerned who forwarded the case to Director of Harijan Welfare/Director of Tribal Welfare as the case may be, for further necessary action and for intimation to the party concerned”.

2. In the G. O. read as second paper the following orders were issued, among other things, in regard to documenting the change of name, religion and community by those who have applied for recruitment to various state and subordinate Services.

“In the case of change of name, religion and community changes except clerical error to be carried out after a person leaves the school shall be ensured by Gazette Notification after obtaining certificate from competent authorities and copy of the Gazette Notification, duly attested shall be attached to S.S.L.C /Extract of Admission Register of the individual concerned. No change in the original entry shall be made”.

3. In the letter third read above the Director of Printing and Stationery (Printing) has sought for clarification whether applications for Notification in Gazette made by parties with Certificates from competent authority for declaration of caste/ community in cases where (i) no entry has been made in the Certificate (ii) Entry wrongly recorded, or (iii) Insufficiently recorded in the Certificates, can be accepted.

4. Government have considered the matter in all its aspects and are pleased to clarify that the 'competent authorities' referred in para 1 (ii) of the G. O. read as second paper will be the "Tahsildar of the Taluks or Higher officers above the rank of Tahsildar in the Revenue Department" of the applicants requesting for the issue of certificates for

the change of name, community/caste and religion for the purpose of Gazette Notification. The Director of Printing and Stationery (P) will entertain application for notification in the Gazette made by parties supported by certificates issued by the Tahsildars or higher officers of the Revenue Department concerned for change of name, community/ caste and religion. The certificates issued by the Tahsildars or the higher officers as the case may be in respect of change of community mentioned in para 1 above should specifically indicate that they have been issued after conducting the enquiries contemplated in the G. O. read as first paper above. In respect of issue of certificate for change of community not covered by the G. O. first read above the existing practice will continue. It should, however, be indicated in the certificate that its issue does not require enquiries to be conducted as contemplated in G. O. MS. 63/79/DD dated 16-4-1979.

5. The Board of Revenue is requested to bring the above orders to the notice of all Tahsildars and other officers.

By order of the Governor,

M. DANDAPANI,

Commissioner and Secretary to Government.