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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes - Inclusion of certain synonyms of Koteyars - 'Koteshatriya', 'Kotegar', 'Kotegara', 'Koteyava', 'Kshatriya', 'Ramakshatriya', 'Ramarajakshatriya', 'Sevegara', 'Sheragara' Communities in the State List of Other Backward Classes - Advice of the Commission - Accepted - Orders issued.

SC & ST DEVELOPMENT (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (MS) No. 8/98/SCSTDD Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 9.2.1998

Read:- D.O. letter No. 687/C1/94/KSCBC dtd. 22.10.1997 from the Member Secretary, Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, Thiruvananthapuram.

ORDER

A Kannada Speaking Community called "Koteyar" numbering 1713 as per the survey conducted by KIRTADS in 1996-97 spread over mostly in Hosdurg, Chittari, Pallikkara, Bekel, Kasaragod and Kuldu in the Kasaragode District, has submitted representations to the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes and the National Commission for Backward Classes requesting that the following synonyms of "Koteyars" be included in the existing State Other Backward Classes list for reservation in Public Services.

1. Koteekshatriya
2. Kotegar
3. Kotegara
4. Koteyava
5. Kshatriya
6. Ramakshatriya
7. Ramarajakshatriya
8. Servegara
9. Sheragara

The Commission asked the KIRTADS to conduct a detailed field study of the community in the light of the criteria evolved by the Commission to identify backward class of citizens.

KIRTADS is of the view that the Koteyars who were once a prominent community in the locality with considerable power primarily as a military community and later as an agriculture community has never been victims of any caste discrimination. The sworn testimony clearly discloses that Koteyar and the groups represented by the synonyms referred to in the representations are not socially backward but they are

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occupying a high position in the social hierarchy of Hindus. The Commission have carefully scrutinised the evidence both oral and documentary adduced before the Commission. The Commission is of the view that the groups represented by the synonyms of Koteyars mentioned in the representations does not satisfy the criteria evolved by the Commission. The Commission advised Government as per section 9(i) of the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes Act (Act 11 of 1993) that the synonyms mentioned in the representation of the petitioner organisation need not be included in the list of OBC in the State of Kerala.

Government are pleased to accept the advice tendered by the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes contained in the report, forwarded along with the letter read above under Section 9(i) of the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes Act 1993 and order that the synonyms of Kotevar - Koteکشترییا, Kotegar, Kotegara, Koteyava, Kshatriya, Ramakshatriya, Ramarajakshatriya, Servegara, Sneragara - communities need not be included in the State List of Other Backward Classes.


By Order of the Governor,

C. CHANDRAN
Secretary to Government.

To

- ✓ The Registrar, Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Thiruvananthapuram.
- All District Collectors.
- The Director of Public Relations, Thiruvananthapuram.
- The General Admn. (S.S) Department - vide item No.1701 dated 4.2.1998.
- The Private Secretary to Chief Minister.
- The Private Secretary to Minister (B&SC)
- C.A. to Secretary, SCSTDD
- C.A. to Joint Secretary, SCSTDD
- Stock File/OC.

Forwarded/By Order


Section Officer