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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training

New Delhi, dated: the 29th March, 2007

To

The Chief Secretaries of all
States/Union Territories

Subject: Verification of claims of candidates to belong to
Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other
Backward Classes:

Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of this Department that some
candidates manage to secure employment under the Government
against the vacancies reserved for SCs/STs/OBCs on the basis of
false/forged caste/community certificates. It is a serious matter
which can only be tackled with the cooperation of the State
Governments.

2. Instructions issued by this Department require the appointing
authorities to verify the caste status of SC/ST/OBC candidates at the
time of initial appointment. Accordingly, the concerned appointing
authorities, at the time of initial appointment of SC/ST/OBC
candidates against vacancies reserved for them, make a request to the
concerned district authorities to certify the veracity of
caste/community certificate produced by the candidate. Many a time,
the district authorities take unduly long time to respond. Where
verification is not completed in time, the candidates are given
appointment on provisional basis pending verification of their caste
status. Some candidates continue to hold the post on the basis of
false/forged certificates in the absence of proper response from district
authorities. Chances of collusion of the candidate with some
unscrupulous employee(s) at the district level cannot also be ruled out.
3. I am directed to request you to streamline the system so that the unscrupulous non-SC/ST/OBC persons are prevented from securing jobs meant for SC/ST/OBCs by producing false certificates. It would be appreciated if you could issue instructions to the District Magistrates/District Collectors/Deputy Commissioners of the districts to the effect that they should ensure at their own level that veracity of the caste/community certificate referred to the district authorities, as stated above, is verified and reported to the appointing authority within one month of receipt of request from such authority. In order to rule out collusion between candidates holding false/forged certificate and employees at the district level or sub-district level, disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against officers who default in timely verification of caste status in such cases or issue false certificates.

Yours faithfully

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