To

The Chief Secretaries of all the State Governments/ Union Territories

Subject: List of Authorities empowered to issue caste/community certificates – Information on the complete list – regarding

Madam/ Sir

As you are aware, the Government of India has issued instructions vide Office Memorandum No. 36012/22/93-Estt.(SCT) dated 15.11.1993 and Office Memorandum No. 36012/6/88-Estt.(SCT) dated 24.04.1990 prescribing the following authorities who are competent to issue caste certificates for the members belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC) category:

(i) District Magistrate/Additional District Magistrate/Collector Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner/ 1st Class Stipendiary Magistrate/ Sub Divisional Magistrate/ Taluka Magistrate/Executive Magistrate/Extra Assistant Commissioner,

(ii) Chief Presidency Magistrate/Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate/ Presidency Magistrate,

(iii) Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar and

(iv) Sub-Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and/or his family normally resides.

2. It has come to the notice of the Government that in some States, offices/officers, other than those prescribed above, have been authorized to issue caste/social status certificates. The complete list of these said new offices/officers is not available centrally.

3. It is, therefore, requested that the list of officers/offices authorized by the State Government/Union Territory to issue caste/social status certificates, along with the copies of the relevant Notifications to that effect, may please be provided to this Department at an early date.

Yours faithfully

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