

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Revision of income criteria to exclude socially advanced persons/sections (Creamy Layer) from the purview of reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs)-reg.

The undersigned is directed to invite attention to this Department's office memorandum No. 36012/22/93-Estt. (SCT) dated 8th September, 1993 which, *inter-alia*, provided that sons and daughters of persons having gross annual income of Rs. 1 lakh or above for a period of three consecutive years would fall within the creamy layer and would not be entitled to get the benefit of reservation available to the Other Backward Classes. The aforesaid limit of income for determining the creamy layer status was subsequently raised to Rs. 2.5 lakh and Rs. 4.5 lakh and accordingly the expression "Rs. 1 lakh" under Category-VI of Schedule to OM dated 8th September, 1993 was revised to "Rs. 2.5 lakh" and to "Rs. 4.5 lakh" vide this Department's OMs No. 36033/3/2004-Estt. (Res.) dated 09.03.2004 and dated 14.10.2008 respectively.

2. It has now been decided to raise the income limit from Rs. 4.5 lakh to Rs. 6 lakh per annum for determining the creamy layer amongst the Other Backward Classes. Accordingly, the expression "**Rs. 4.5 lakh**" under Category VI in the Schedule to this Department's aforesaid O.M. of 8th September, 1993 would be substituted by Rs. "**Rs. 6 lakh**".
3. The provisions of this office memorandum have effect from 16th May, 2013.
4. All the Ministries/Departments are requested to bring the contents of this office memorandum to the notice of all concerned.



(Sharad Kumar Srivastava)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

To:

1. All the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

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2. Department of Financial Services, New Delhi.
3. Department of Public Enterprises, New Delhi.
4. Railway Board, New Delhi.
5. Union Public Service Commission/Supreme Court of India/Election Commission of India/Lok Sabha Secretariat/Rajya Sabha Secretariat/Cabinet Secretariat/Central Vigilance Commission/President's Secretariat/Prime Minister's Office/Planning Commission.
6. Staff Selection Commission, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
7. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
8. National Commission for SCs/National Commission for STs, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.
9. National Commission for Backward Classes, Trikoot-1, Bhikaji Cama Place, R. K. Puram, New Delhi.
10. Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, 10 Bahadur Shah Jafar Marg, New Delhi-110002.
11. Information and Facilitation Centre, DoPT, North Block, New Delhi (100 copies).
- ✓ 12. The NIC, DoPT with a request to upload it at the website of this Department in OMs & Orders > Estt. (Res.) > SC/ST/OBC and in 'What's New'

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The Chief Secretaries of all the States/Union Territories for information and necessary action.