

SC/ST Development Department-Inclusion of 'Pandaran' in the State List of OBC's along with "Vecrasaiva"-Advice of Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes-Accepted -Orders issued.

## SC/ST DEVELOPMENT (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Ms) No.63/2009/SCSTDD. Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 21/08/2009

Read: 1. Petition dated 24/4/07 of President, All India Veera Saiva Maha Sabha.

2. G.O.(Ms) No.57/96/SCSTDD dated 8/11/1996.

3: G.O.(Ms) No.48/2006/SCSTDD dated 12/9/06.

4. Report No.343/C/07/KSCBC dated 28/1/2009 of KSCBC, Tvpm.

## ORDER

The President, All India Veera Saiva Maha Sabha Unit, Kerala has submitted a representation before the Government vide letter read as first paper above that 'Pandaran' and 'Pandaram' communities are one and the same and that the difference is only in the usage, and requested to provide OBC benefits to 'Pandaran' community also.

Earlier, accepting the advice of Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes in 1994, Government had issued orders among other things vide G.O read as 2<sup>nd</sup>paper above, that 'Pandaran' and 'Pandaram' communities need not be included in the OBC list.

Subsequently in compliance to the judgment in W.P.(C) No.9557/01 of Hon'ble High Court, and on the basis of report of KIRTADS and accepting the advice of Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, Government had issued orders in G.O.(Ms) No.48/2006/SCSTDD dated 12/09/2006 read as 3<sup>rd</sup> paper above to include only 'Pandaram' community along with other sub castes specified within brackets of item 73 of OBC list in schedule to Part I, KS & SSRs., 1958

Now on the request of Kerala Veera Saiva Maha Sabha, Government had sought for the advice of Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes.

The Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes. has examined the matter in detail in the light of the report of the KIRTADS and tendered their advice under Section 9 (1) of KSCBC Act 1993 as follows:-

The State Government will review their, earlier decision in G.O.(Ms)No.57/96/SCSTDD dated 9/11/1996 in so far as it relates to the rejection of the claim made by the Kerala Veerasaiva Sabha or inclusion of 'Pandaran' in item 73 of the State OBC list under the head Veerasaivas and by amending item No.73, 'Veerasaiva' of list III of the Scheduled to Part I of the KS&SSR, 1958 include 'Pandaran' also within the brackets under the head of Veerasaivas'.

As per Section 9 (2) of the KSCBC Act 1993, the advice of Commission shall ordinarily be binding upon Government.

In the circumstances, Government are pleased to accept the advice tendered by Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes in the report read as 4<sup>th</sup> paper above, and order that the 'Pandaran' community will be included along with other sub-castes (components) specified within brackets of item 73 'Veerasaivas', contained in List III of OBCs in Kerala State in the Schedule to Part I in KS&SSRs, 1958 by amending G.O.(Ms)No.57/96/SCSTDD dated 8/11/1996 and order accordingly. The Government Order read, as 2<sup>nd</sup> paper stands modified to the above extent.

(By Order of the Governor)

PAUL ANTONY
Principal Secretary to Govt.

To

The Registrar, Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram

The Secretary, Kerala State Public Service Commission, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram

The President, All India Veerasaiva Maha Sabha, Kerala Unit, Neeleswaram (P.O.), Kottarakara.

The Director, Scheduled Castes Development Department, Tvpm.

The Director, Scheduled Tribes Development Department, Tvpm.

All District Collectors.

The Director of Information & Public Relations, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Personnel & Administrative Reforms (Rules) Department.

The General Administration (SC) Department.

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