

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes - Inclusion of 'Kuruba' community in the State list of Other Backward Classes - Advice of the Commission accepted - Orders issued.

SCH. CASTES & SCH. TRIBES DEVELOPMENT (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 15/97/SCSTDD Thiruvananthapuram, Dated: 3.3.1997.

Read:- 1. D.O. letter No. 586/C1/94/KSCEC dated 10.1.1997.  
from the Member Secretary, Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, Thiruvananthapuram.

2. G.O.MS.No. 142/78/GAD dated 15.3.1978.

ORDER

The Kuruba Samudaya Seva Sangham, Kanhangad submitted a representation before the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes requesting to include the "Kuruba" Community in the State list of Other Backward Classes for reservation in public services. The Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes conducted a preliminary hearing and entrusted the Kerala Institute for Research Training and Development studies of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (KIRTADS) to conduct a detailed study of the community.

2. Based on the study report of KIRTADS, the evidence adduced during the hearings and the other records of the case, the Commission has come to the following conclusion in regard to the request of the Kuruba Samudaya Seva Sangham.

3. The Kurubas are traditionally herdsman, cattle rearers and sellers of milk. Now most of them are engaged in construction work and poorly paid manual labour. They were treated as polluting caste by upper castes and they suffer from extreme forms of educational and economic backwardness. The representation of Kurubas in services under the State is very ~~less~~ less. The total population of the community is very small. The total population of the community is only 298.

4. After considering the above aspects, the Commission came to the conclusion that Kuruba community deserve the protection envisaged by Article 16 (4) of the Constitution and advised this Government under section 9 (1) of the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1993 to include the community in the existing state list of Other Backward Classes for reservation of jobs in public services.

5. The advice of the Commission shall ordinarily be binding on the Government.

6. Government are pleased to accept the advice tendered by the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, contained in their Report, forwarded along with the letter read above under section 9 (1) of the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes Act 1993 and order that 'Kuruba' will also be included in the existing state list of Other Backward Classes for reservation in public services.

7. Necessary amendment to the Kerala State and Subordinate Service Rules will be issued separately by the Personnel & Administrative Reforms (Advice C) Department.

By Order of the Governor,


C. CHANDRAN  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

- ✓ The Member Secretary, Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, Thiruvananthapuram (with CL)
- The Secretary, Kerala ~~State~~ Public Service Commission, Thiruvananthapuram (with CL)
- All District Collectors
- The Director Public Relations
- The General Administration (SC) Department vide item No. 700 dated 26.2.1997
- The Personnel & Administrative Reforms (Advice C) Department
- The Private Secretary to Chief Minister
- The Private Secretary to Minister (B&SC)
- The C.A. to Secretary, Sch. Castes & Sch. Tribes Dev. Deptt.
- The C.A. to Additional Secretary, SC & ST Dev. Deptt.
- The C.A. to Joint Secretary, SC & ST Dev. Deptt.

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forwarded/ By Order

  
Section Officer.