

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
ABSTRACT

Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes - Inclusion of Catholic Kammalar' community in the State List of Other Backward Classes - Advice of the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes - Accepted - Orders issued.

SC ST DEVELOPMENT (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(MS) No.46/2001/SCSIDD

Trivandrum, Dated:26-9-01

Read:- D.O.letter No.14/C1/94/KSCBC dated 1-1-2000 from the Member Secretary, Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, Trivandrum.

O R D E R

President and Secretary of the Catholica Acharimar Sangham, Trivandrum (CAS and others submitted representations to the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes requesting that the Kammalar (also called Kannalar) professing the Christian faith may be given the benefit of reservation granted to Hindu Kammalar as they are observing the rituals of Hindu Kammalars in respect of marriage and death and they continue in the hereditary vocation of goldsmithy. The Commission requested the Anthropological Iyer International Centre for Anthropological Studies to conduct a field study of the community in the light of the Criteria evolved by the commission to identify Backward classes of citizens.

The Ananthakrishna Iyer International Centre for Anthropological Studies (AICAS) after conducting survey reported that the economic condition of the community cannot be said to be very backward. Their study also revealed that the education level of the Catholica Kammalars could not be said to be high.

Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes carefully considered the request, took evidence and also assessed the report of Ananthakrishna Iyer International Centre for Anthropological Studies (AICAS) regarding the inclusion of Catholica Kammalar' community in the list of Other Backward Classes in the state of Kerala for reservation in public service in the light of the judgment passed by the Supreme Court and the criteria evolved by the commission

to identify the Backward Classes of citizens. The commission is of the view that the above community need not be included in the state list of Other Backward Classes under Rule 16 (4) of the Indian constitution.

4. The commission tendered their advice to Govt. under section 9 (1) of the act that the community called 'Catholica Kammalar (Thamizh Thattar) mentioned in representations need not be included in the state list of Other Backward Classes in the state of Kerala.

5. In the circumstances Govt. are pleased to accept the advice tendered by the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes contained in the report forwarded alongwith the letter read above under section 9 (1) of the ~~XXXXXX~~ K.S.C.BC Act 1993, and order that 'Catholica Kammalar' Community need not be included in the state list of other Backward Classes for reservation jobs in public services.

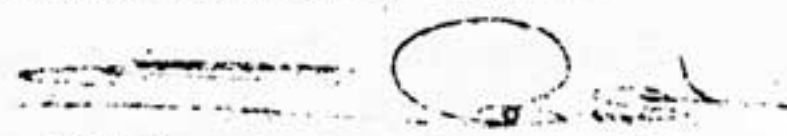
BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR

L.NATARAJAN
SECRETARY.

To

- ✓ The Registrar, Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, Plammood High Road, Trivandrum.
- The Secretary, Kerala Public Service Commission, Pattom, Trivandrum (with C.L.)
- All Dist. Collectors
- The Director of Public Relations, Trivandrum.
- The General Admn. (SC)Dept., vide item No.174 dated 29-3-2001.
- The President, Catholica Acharimar Sangham
T.C. 24/1589, Mettukada, Erakkam Road, Mhycaud, Trivandrum.
- The Private Secretary to Chief Minister
- The Private Secretary to the Minister (B&SC)
- The C.A. to Secretary, SCSTDD
- The C.A. to Addl. Secretary, SCSTDD
- The C.A. to Joint Secretary, SCSTDD

FORWARDED/BY ORDER


SECTION OFFICER