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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

ABSTRACT

Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes - Inclusion of Ezhava Lutheran Christian Community in the state list of Other Backward Classes - advice of the Commission - Accepted - Orders issued.

AC ST DEVELOPMENT (F) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (MS) No. 50/2001/SUSIDD Trivandrum, Dated: 3-10-2001

Read:- D.O. letter No. 1734/C2/94/KSCBC dated 5-5-2000 from the Member Secretary, Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes, Trivandrum.

ORDER

Ezhava Christian Association, Parassala had submitted representation to the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes requesting that the community belonging to "Ezhava Lutheran Christians" be included in the existing state Other Backward Classes list for reservation in Public Services. The Commission requested from Ananthakrishna Iyer International Centre for Anthropological Studies to conduct a detailed filed study of the community in the light of the criteria evolved by the commission to identify Backward Classes of citizens.

2. The Ananthakrishna Iyer International Centre for Anthropological Studies after conducting survey reported that the members of the community have been agriculturists for 3 generations and none of them was engaged in toddy tapping.

3. The commission have carefully scrutinised the request of the community based on the report of the Ananthakrishna Iyer International Centre for Anthropological Studies and all other available evidence in the light of the guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court in India Swahney Vs. Union of India etc. cases and other 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 OBC under Article 16(4) of the Indian Constitution.

4. The commission tendered their advice to Govt. under section 9 (1) of the KSCBC Act (Act 11 of 1993) that Ezhava

Lutheran Christian Community mentioned in the representation need not be included in the list of OBC in the State of Kerala.

5. Govt. are pleased to accept the advice tendered by the Kerala State Commission for Backward Classes contained in the report forwarded along with the letter read above and they order that Ezhava Lutheran Christian community need not be included in the state list of OBC for reservation of 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, Trivandrum (with C.L.)

All Dist. Collectors.

The Director of Public Relations, Trivandrum

The General Admn. (SS) Dept. vide item No.261 dt:19-9-2001

The Private Secretary to the Chief Minister

The Private Secretary to the Minister (B&SC)

The C.A. to Secretary, SCSTDD

The C.A. to Addl. Secretary, SCSIDD

The C.A. to Joint Secretary, SCSTDD

The President, Ezhava Christian Association

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FORWARDED/BY ORDER

SECTION OFFICER