

Government of West Bengal
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No: 1033/Secy/BCW

Dated: 14.05.2026

From: Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

To: The District Magistrate, _____ (all Districts)

Sub: Re-verification of caste certificates issued since 2011, including those issued during Duare Sarkar Programme.

Madam/ Sir,

You are aware that around 1.69 crore caste certificates have been issued since 2011 (SC: 1.00 crore, ST: 21 lakh and OBC: 48 lakh). Of these, around 47.80 lakh caste certificates (SC: 32.51 lakh, ST: 6.65 lakh & OBC: 8.64 lakh) have been issued by the respective certificate issuing authorities against applications received through the Duare Sarkar camps (in 10 phases) within the stipulated time frame.

It is further stated that certain 2nd generation Caste Certificates might also have been issued on the basis of such certificates during this period.

Now, it has been observed that the authenticity and genuineness of some Caste Certificates issued since 2011 have been challenged by different quarters.

Since issuance of Caste Certificates is a statutory function of issuing authority viz SDOs & DWO Kolkata, requiring detailed scrutiny and verification prior to issuance of any certificate.

Considering the importance and sensitivity of the matter, as directed in review meeting chaired by competent authority, re-verification of such Caste Certificates at the level of the respective issuing authorities will be done in accordance with the prevailing norms and statutory provisions.

You are therefore, requested to kindly advise all the Sub-Divisional Officers, who are the certificate issuing authorities, to re-verify all the Caste Certificates issued since 2011, along with the related 2nd generation Caste Certificates issued on the basis thereof, in terms of prevailing norms and statutory provisions, to ensure the authenticity and genuineness of the issued Caste Certificates and maintain transparency in the caste certificate issuing process.

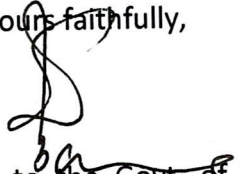
Further, if it is found that any certificate has been issued improperly, appropriate action should be taken as per Sections 9 and 10 of the West Bengal Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Identification) Act, 1994 and Rule 3 to Rule 7 of the West Bengal Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Identification) Rules, 1995 accordingly.



Moreover, caste certificates issued to the persons and dependents whose name have been deleted from the electoral roll of the state in the recently conducted SIR exercises, shall be examined and may be cancelled following the due process as per extant Act & Rules mentioned above. Any laxity in this regard will be viewed accordingly and personal liability of the issuing authority shall be fixed.

This has been approved by the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,


Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

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1. The Under Secretary, Office of the Chief Secretary, Govt. of West Bengal
- 2-24. The Additional District Magistrate (BCW in charge), _____ (all Districts)
25. The D.W.O & Ex-Officio Jt. Director, BCW Kolkata with a request to take necessary action in this regard.
- 26-49. The P.O-cum- D.W.O, BCW &TD, _____ (all districts)
50. PS to MIC, Backward Classes Welfare Department


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