NOTIFICATION

I am directed by order of the Governor to say that after careful consideration of the report of the Committee constituted by the Government for making a study on the problems of admission of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe communities in educational institutions, the Governor is pleased to order as follows:

1. (a) 22% and 6% of the seats shall be kept reserved for the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe candidates respectively in all educational institutions including the following:
   (i) all Primary Schools run by District Primary School Councils, Corporations or Municipalities and similar bodies aided by Government of West Bengal,
   (ii) all Government, Government sponsored and recognised non-government aided Secondary Schools,
   (iii) all Government, Government sponsored and recognised non-Government aided Higher Secondary Schools,
   (iv) all Government, Government sponsored and recognised non-Government aided Polytechnics, Industrial Training Institutes / Centres, Junior Technical Schools etc.,
   (v) all Government, Government sponsored and recognised non-government aided Colleges including Medical and Dental Colleges, Engineering and Technological Colleges, Homoeopathic, Ayurvedic and Nursing Colleges,
   (vi) all Universities and Deemed Universities.

(b) The reservation for the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe candidates shall be maintained separately for each Course/Stream/Subject in each educational institution.

(c) While calculating the number of reserved seats for the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe candidates, a fraction of 0.5 and above shall be treated as one seat.

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2. (a) A general merit list based exclusively on merit as reflected in the results of the relevant examination / selection test irrespective of caste / tribe status shall be prepared separately for each Course / Stream / Subject in each educational institution to fill the unreserved seats. Separate merit lists for the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribes candidates respectively. The Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe candidates who have been placed in the general merit list to fill up unreserved seats shall not be taken into account in the reserved lists for the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe candidates respectively.

(b) For admission to the courses, B. A. (Hons.), B. Sc. (Hons.), B. Com. (Hons.), M. A., M. Sc, M. Com., B. Tech., M. Tech., M. Sc. (Tech), B. Ed., M. Ed., LL. B., LL. M., B. Lib. Sc, M. Lib. Sc, Master's Degree courses in Engineering and Architecture, Master of Business Management/Master of Business Administration, M. Phil., and the like in different subjects, an SC or ST candidate getting admission should have in the previous examination qualifying marks which are not lower by more than 25% from the marks obtained by the last candidate of the general category; however, in any case, such a candidate obtaining marks lower than the marks as prescribed by the regulations of the University for admission to the relevant course will not be eligible for admission. The candidates included in the general merit list will not be counted towards these reserved quota.

(c) For admission to Undergraduate Medical and Dental Courses, there shall be no cut-off marks for the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe candidates in the Joint Entrance Examination to fill up the reserved seats.

(d) For filling up the reserved seats in all other courses/Streams/Subjects, the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe candidates who have secured the minimum marks as per relevant regulations for admission to any Course/Stream/Subject as may be prescribed by the West Bengal Higher Secondary Council, Universities etc., shall be given admission forms by the educational institution for any such Courses/Streams/Subjects.

(e) For the purpose of allotment of Courses/Streams/Subjects/Colleges, the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe candidates in the unreserved general merit list shall be placed respectively on the top of the reserved lists for the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe candidates. Thereafter allotment of Courses/Streams/Subjects/Colleges to the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe candidates, placed in the general merit list and those placed in the reserved lists shall be made on the basis of their inter se merit and their options against the reserved seats plus those unreserved seats earmarked for the Scheduled Caste and the Scheduled Tribe candidates included in the general merit list.

3. Seats reserved for the Scheduled Caste candidates and remaining unfilled even after following the instructions laid down in the previous paragraphs may be filled up by the Scheduled Tribe candidates and vice versa.

4. The Head of each educational institution shall submit an Annual Return on Admission of students into various courses in that institution to the respective District Magistrates and ex-officio District Commissioners for Reservation in case of institutions located outside the district of Calcutta and to the Joint Commissioner for Reservation in case of institutions located in the district of Calcutta by 31st December each year in such form as may be prescribed by the Government.

This order issues in supersession of all previous orders issued in this matter.

By order of the Governor,

Sd/- N. Krishnamurti,

Chief Secy, to the Govt. Of West Bengal.