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**Memorandum**

Time and again the department has come across queries from different quarters as to the effective date for considering caste identification certificates of incumbents who has applied/entered into a particular service in the unreserved category but on later date has procured the relevant certificate and has claimed the benefits of reservation in the same service.

Till date the department has responded to these references individually.

In order to sort out the point comprehensively following clarification is released after considering the pros and cons of the issue -

The caste status of an incumbent will be considered on and from the date on which he/she officially produces the caste identification certificate before the appointing authority when it has been procured on any date after his/her filing of application for any service or joining in the service.

This clarification cannot be treated as a gateway to revisit the settled issues.

This clarification only relates to caste identification certificates issued as per Sec 3 & Sec 4 read with Sec 5 of the West Bengal Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Identification) Act 1994 and is applicable for all establishments under Sec 2(b) and (c) of the West Bengal Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of vacancies in Services and Posts) Act, 1976.

The memorandum takes immediate effect.

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