MEMORANDUM

References are being received from the various quarters seeking clarifications in regard to issue of Other Backward Classes certificates to the applicants having origin in a State Other than West Bengal.

2. After careful consideration of all aspects it has been decided that applicants for Other Backward Classes certificates who originally belonged to a State other than West Bengal but have been residing in West Bengal for long may be granted such certificates provided they satisfy the following conditions :-

(a) They, not being a Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe, have been residing in West Bengal permanently from 15.03.1993 or from a date earlier to that;
(b) Castes to which they belong have been included in the Other Backward Classes list of this State;
(c) They are socially accepted by the identical Caste or communities of West Bengal origin; and
(d) They have matrimonial relationship with the identical Castes of West Bengal.

3. Other prescribed conditions / restrictions regulating issue of Other Backward Classes certificates, in general, shall however continue to apply.

4. All certificates issuing authorities may act accordingly.

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