Government of West Bengal
Backward Classes Welfare Department
Writers' Buildings, Kolkata – 1.

NOTIFICATION

No. 1497-BCW / MR-53 / 08 Date: 18-05-2009

The issue of authorizing the Block Development Officers to issue SC / ST certificates to the candidates willing to file nominations in the Panchayat General Elections, 2009 has again come up for consideration of the Government in the Backward Classes Welfare Department. Requests have been received from the Panchayat and Rural Development Department vide their No. 2104/PN/O/I/1E-2/03 dated 15-05-2009 to consider the matter of authorization to BDOs of Blocks under Siliguri Sub-Division for issuing SC / ST certificates for the purpose of Panchayat General Elections, 2009 to the Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad, Panchayet Samity and Gram Panchayets located within the Siliguri Sub-Division only.

After due consideration of the need to dispose of a large number of applications for issue of Caste Certificates within a specific time frame to facilitate candidates belonging to SC and ST to file nominations in the forthcoming Panchayat General Elections, 2009, the Government in the Backward Classes Welfare Department has decided to extend this facility only for this time also.

Therefore, the Governor is pleased to authorize the Block Development Officers of Blocks under Siliguri Sub-Division to issue SC / ST certificates to the candidates willing to file nominations in the Panchayat General Elections, 2009 subject to the condition that the applicability of such certificates shall be confined to the Panchayat General Elections, 2009 only and these certificates will be used solely for the purpose of filing nominations in the Panchayat General Elections, 2009 and for no other purpose.

The format of the certificate is annexed.

By order of the Governor

Joint Commissioner for Reservation and Ex-officio Joint Secretary

No. 1497/1-BCW Date: 18-05-2009

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-
The Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Jesop Building (1st Floor), 63, N S Road, Kolkata – 700 001.

Joint Commissioner for Reservation and Ex-officio Joint Secretary
Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1) The Chief Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal.
2) The Principal Secretary to the Hon’ble Chief Minister of West Bengal.
3) The Secretary, West Bengal State Election Commission, 18, Sarojini Naidu Sarani, Kolkata – 700 017.
4) The Commissioner, Backward Classes Welfare, West Bengal, Mitra Buildings, 2nd Floor, 8, Lyons Range, Kolkata-1.
5) The District Magistrate, Darjeeling.
7) The Sub-divisional Officer, Siliguri.
8) The P.S. to Hon’ble M.I.C. of this Department.
9) The P.S. to Hon’ble M.O.S. of this Department.
10) The Guard file of this Department.

Joint Commissioner for Reservation and Ex-officio Joint Secretary

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**FORMAT OF THE CERTIFICATE**

**Caste Certificate**

(Valid for the Panchayat General Elections, 2009 only)

No..................SC /ST Date.................................

This is to certify that Shri / Smt. / Kumari ...................... son / daughter of ................................................................. of Village.................................................................

P.S ....................... District ...................... of the State belongs to ................................ caste / tribe which is recognized as a Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe in the State of West Bengal.

Block Development Officer