

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

COMMISSION – Backward Classes Commission – Constitution of – Ordered.

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms. No.842

Dated 13th November 1969

Read :

ORDER:

Article 15(4) of the Constitution permits the State Government to make any special provision for the advancement of any socially and educationally backward classes of citizens. Having regard to this provision this Government have declared certain classes in the State as Backward and have been extending some concessions such as grant of Scholarships to these classes. But there has been no attempt to make a scientific assessment of the social and economic condition of all backward classes and to chalk out a comprehensive programme to afford them such amenities as may be necessary to bring them on a par with the other classes of citizens in the State. A Cabinet Minister is now in exclusive charge of matters relating to the uplift of backward classes. The Government have also created a separate department headed by a Director to look after the Welfare of Backward classes. They therefore feel that the time is ripe to set up a Commission to make a scientific and factual investigation of the conditions of backward classes in the State and recommend specific measures of relief for their advancement. They accordingly direct that a Commission be constituted consisting of:-

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| (1) | Thiru A.N.Sattanathan, M.A.
(Retd. Collector of Customs)
No.2, Montieth Lane, Egmore, Madras-8... | CHAIRMAN |
| (2) | Thiru S.Chinnappan, B.A.B.L.,
District & Sessions Judge (Retd)
22, Yanai Katti Maidan,
Cantonment, Tiruchirapalli-1. | .. MEMBER |
| (3) | Thiru M.A.Jamal Hussain, B.A.B.L.,
District & Sessions Judge (Retd)
No.12, Perambur High Road,
Madras-12. | .. MEMBER |
| (4) | The Director of Backward Classes | .. SECRETARY |

2. The terms of reference of the Commission shall be as follows:-

(1) The Tamil Nadu State Backward Classes Commission shall review the measures so far taken by the State Government for the Welfare of the Backward Classes and the betterment of their conditions and assess the effectiveness of such measures in improving the conditions of backward classes and in particular in matters relating to education and representation in public services of the State.

(2) The Commission shall examine and assess with reference to concessions, privileges and benefits given to them by the State Government, the improvements in the conditions of the 'most backward classes' in education and other matters.

(3) The Commission may make recommendations as to the further steps that should be taken by the State Government to improve the conditions of the 'backward classes' and 'most backward classes' in respect of --

- (i) education, including reservation of seats in professional colleges and institutions of higher learning;
- (ii) representation in public services;
- (iii) trade, commerce and industry;
- (iv) rural credit, marketing and co-operation;
- (v) housing;
- (vi) grants; and
- (vii) community development

(4) The Commission may make recommendations in respect of short-term and long-term measures to be taken by the State Government for raising the level of backward classes and most backward classes.

3. The Commission may obtain such information as they may consider necessary or relevant for their purpose in such form and in such manner, as they may think appropriate, from the State Government or any Officer or authority subordinate to the State Government or any organization or any individual as may in the opinion of the Commission be of assistance to them.

4. The Commission may visit any district or taluk in the State.

5. The Commission shall endeavour to present the report to the State Government by the 30th June, 1970 and may furnish to the Government an interim report earlier on any special aspect of the work, if so desired, by the Government of Tamil Nadu or the Commission.

Explanation: In this Reference, any reference to 'backward classes' and 'most backward classes' shall mean those 'backward classes' and 'most backward classes' which are recognized as such by the State Government on the date of the issue of this Reference.

6. The Commission will be treated as a First Class Committee for purposes of drawal of traveling and other allowances. The drawal of Travelling Allowance and other allowances by the Commission will be regulated by the provisions of "Travelling Allowance Rules for persons other than Government Servants" incorporated in Part III of the Madras Manual of Special Pay and Allowances.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No.117367/Allces-I/69, dated 11-11-1969.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

M.A.SHERIFF,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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