

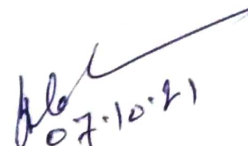
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veracity of the Caste/ Community Certificate referred to the District Authorities is verified and reported to the appointing authority within one month of receipt of request from such authority. DOPT's above instruction may be quoted in the letter addressed to the concerned District Authority requesting for verification of genuineness of the caste/community certificate.

Railway board vide letter dated 23.06.2016 under ref.(iii) stated that a lot of complaints are being received in Board's office regarding submission of fake caste certificates by the persons employed in Railways. In a vigilance case, the Central Vigilance Commission has inter-alia advised to take appropriate steps for genuineness/ verification of such certificates before any kind of appointment.

In view of the above, it is requested to follow the instructions of Railway Board for verification of that the Caste/ Community certificates of Schedules Caste, Scheduled tribe and Other Backward Classes at the time of appointment/ promotion.


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No. Z/Vig/System Improvement
To
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DRM/KIR, APDJ, RNY, LMG, TSK
CWM/NBQS, DBRT

Sub- System improvement regarding verification of Caste / Community Certificate of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes at the time of appointment / promotion.

- Ref.: (i) Railway board's letters No. 99-E(SCT)I/31/2 dated 04.05.1999
(ii) Railway board's letters No 2002-E(SCT)I/31/2 dated 03.01.2003
(iii) Railway board's letters No 2016-E(SCT)1/31/1 dated 23.06.2016
(iv) Railway board's letters No 2017-E(SCT)I/25/4 dated 08.11.2017
(v) Railway Board's letter no. 2021-E(SCT)1/25/2 dated.16.06.2021

During vigilance investigation it is found that caste/ community certificates submitted by the candidates of reserved communities at the time of initial appointment have not been verified from the concerned issuing authorities. However, complaints of submission of fake certificates are being received by the Zonal Vigilance from time to time. As such, timely and effective verification of caste status is necessary so that the benefit of reservation and other scheme of concessions etc. go only to the rightful claimants and unscrupulous non-SC/ST/OBC persons are prevented from securing jobs meant for SCs/STs/OBCs by producing false certificates.

In this connection, Railway Board vide letters under reference reiterated that Caste / Community Certificate submitted by the candidates should be verified within a reasonable time and particularly at the stage when the candidates are to be considered for promotion to the next higher grade.

Referring to the instructions issued by Department of Personnel and Training's O.M. No. 36011/3/2005-Estt.(Res.) dated. 09.09.2005 regarding verification of caste status of Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Class candidates at the time of initial appointment / promotion and DoPT's O.M. No.36011116180- Estt.(SCT) dated 27th February, 1981 it was advised that the appointing authorities should verify the caste status of a Scheduled Caste / Tribe candidate at the time of initial appointment and promotion against a vacancy reserved for Scheduled Castes / Tribes.

DOPT vide letter no. 36022/1/2007-Estt (Res) dt. 20.03.2007 & letter no. 41034/4/2020-Estt(Res-1) dated 19.03.2021 forwarded by Railway board vide letter dated 16.06.2021 {ref.(v)} further reiterated that concerned District Magistrate/District Collectors/Deputy Commissioners of the District should ensure at their own level that

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