

No. 1/41/93-RC-1/1597
Government of Punjab
Department of Welfare
(Reservation Cell)

Dated, Chandigarh the 17th August, 2005

To

All Heads of Departments.
Registrar, High Court of Punjab and Haryana.
All Commissioners of Divisions in the State.
All the Deputy Commissioners in the State.
All Sub Divisional Officers in the State.

Subject: Socio-Economic Criteria for identification of Socially Advance Persons (Creamy Layer) from the Other Backward Classes in the State of Punjab for their exclusion from the benefit of reservation meant for these Classes in the State Services/ Posts and reserved seats for Backward Classes in the Colleges of the State at the time of admission.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Punjab Government letter No. 1/41/93-RC-1/459, dated 17-1-1994 and No. 8/144/93-WC-2/7017, dated 27-9-1995 on the subject noted above and to say that sons and daughters of persons having gross annual income of Rs. 1 lakh or above for a period of three consecutive years fall within the creamy layer and are not entitled to get the benefit of reservation provided to the Backward Classes/Other Backward Classes. The Government has decided now to raise the income limit from Rs.1 lakh to Rs. 2.5 lakh for determining the creamy layer amongst the BCs/OBCs. Accordingly the following entry is substituted for the existing entry against Category VI of the Schedule as under:-

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF CATEGORY</u>	<u>TO WHOM THE RULE OF EXCLUSION WILL APPLY</u>
V	INCOME WEALTH TEST	Son (s) and daughter(s) of a) Persons having gross annual income of Rs. 2.5 Lakh or above or possessing wealth above the exemption limit as prescribed in the Wealth Tax Act for a period of three consecutive years. b) Persons in Categories I,II, III and V-A, who are

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not disentitled to the benefit of reservation but have income from other sources or wealth which will bring them within the income/wealth criteria mentioned in (a) above.

Explanation

Income from salaries or agricultural land shall not be clubbed.

2. The matter has also been considered to streamline and restrict the number of competent authorities to issue Backward Class/OBC Certificates declared vide letter no.2223.79-SW-1/15045 dated 12-08-1980. It has now been decided that henceforth Deputy Commissioners, Additional Deputy Commissioners, Sub-divisional Magistrates, Executive Magistrates (PCS Officers only) and at the best Tehsildars will be competent to issue Backward Class Certificate in the State.

3. Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

(S..S Sidhu)
Joint Secretary Welfare

To

- (1) All the Financial Commissioners in the State.
- (2) All the Principal Secretaries in the State.
- (3) All the Secretaries in the State.

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Joint Secretary Welfare