

GOVT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI  
REVENUE DEPARTMENT  
C.C. SECTION, ROOM NO-206, B-BLOCK  
5- SHAM NATH MARG, DELHI-54

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Govt. of NCT of Delhi issues the Scheduled Caste Certificates to the eligible applicants as per the notification issued under 'The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) (Union Territories) Order 1951'. The Council of Ministers, Govt. of NCT of Delhi vide decision No. 1792 dated 25-07-2011 approved that all such references to the caste names as mentioned in the above order, having derogatory connotations should be removed forthwith while issuing certificates to the eligible applicants and also move a proposal to the Ministry of Home Affairs, GoI to carry out suitable amendments in this order.

2. The Cabinet Govt. of NCT of Delhi approved the following amendments in the caste names in "The Constitution (Scheduled Castes) (Union Territories) Order 1951.

- i. At serial number 8, the word 'Bhangi' may be substituted with 'Balmiki'.
- ii. At serial No. 10, the word 'Chamar/ Chanwar' may be deleted.
- iii. At serial No.12, the word 'Chuhra' may be deleted.
- iv. At serial NO.20, the word 'Kanjar' may be deleted.

3. The Cabinet also decided that pending amendment of "The Constitution (Scheduled Caste) (Union Territories) Order 1951, the Deputy Commissioners of the districts be directed to take necessary steps while issuing Caste Certificates to the applicants.

4. In pursuance of the above Cabinet decision No.1792 dated 25-07-2011, an office order dated 09-08-2011 was issued to all Deputy Commissioners to stop usage of all caste names having derogatory connotations as mentioned above in scheduled caste certificates issued to the eligible applicants.

5. Further, Cabinet of NCT of Delhi vide decision no. 1960 dated 21-11-2012, approved that certain nomenclatures like "Bhangi, Chamar, Chuhra, Kanjar" which have acquired derogatory connotations in the public mind required changes to more appropriate nomenclature which do not carry stigma. Keeping in view the legal limitation and as well as the need to remove social stigma associated with certain castes names, the Cabinet decided as follows:-

"The Earlier decision for deletion of Bhangi, Chamar, Chuhra and Kanjar is rescinded from "The Constitution (Scheduled Caste) (Union Territories) Order 1951. While issuing Caste Certificates in Delhi the nomenclature "Balmiki" would be used for sub-castes falling under the category "Bhangi" and "Chuhra". The nomenclature "Jatav" and "Ravidas" will be used in place of Chamar. The nomenclature "Giarah" would be used in place of "Kanjar". The issue regarding carrying out similar changes by Govt. of India in the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) (Union Territory) Order, 1951 may be taken up with Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of SC/ST."

6. A proposal was made to the Ministry of Home Affairs by the Delhi Govt. proposing amendment in the constitution Schedule Caste (Union Territory) order 1951 for substituting / deletion of certain caste contained there in relation to Delhi. Govt. of India, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shastri Bhawan informed that any modification in the list of Scheduled Caste can be done only by an Act of Parliament, in view of article 341 (2) of the constitution.

8. In order to avoid hardships to the public Council of Ministers, Govt. of Delhi vide Cabinet decision no. 2009 dated 16-04-2013 reviewed the previous Cabinet no. 1792 dated 25-07-2011 and 1960 dated 21-11-2012 and restored the original position with respect to the nomenclature as per the constitution (Scheduled Castes) (Union Territories) Order 1951 and it was also decided that the matter be referred to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for necessary changes.

9. In view of above background, the SC certificates issued during the period 25-07-2011 till date in Delhi bear nomenclature of Castes which are not as per -The Constitution (Scheduled Caste) (Union Territories) Order 1951. Hence, the department has decided that to implement the Cabinet decision no. 2009 dated 16-04-2013 all applicants of SC Category who have obtained certificates with incorrect nomenclature may be given an opportunity to surrender their original certificates alongwith supporting documents in the concerned SDM Office and new caste certificates will be issued by the concerned Tehsildar/Executive Magistrate with the correct nomenclature. A public notice in this regard is also being issued for the convenience of public.

10. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Revenue)-cum-Divisional Commissioner.

  
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DY. COMMISSIONER-II (HQ)

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- ✓ 6. The system Analyst with the request to upload the above order on the website of the Revenue Department.

  
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