

No.1/7/2008-RC-1/ 870584/1

GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB  
DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE  
(RESERVATION CELL)

To,

All the Divisional Commissioners,  
All the Deputy Commissioners,  
All the Sub Divisional Magistrates (C) and  
All the Tehsildars  
In the State of Punjab.

Dated, Chandigarh the 3/11/2016

Subject: Regarding incorporating, word, 'SIKH' in the Caste/Religion  
Certificates.

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Sir,

I am directed to invite your attention to circular letter No.1/7/2008-RC-1/410-413 dated 13-03-2008 of this department vide which instructions regarding incorporating word, 'SIKH' in the Caste/Religion Certificates were issued. In para. No.2 of these instructions it was, inter-alia laid down as follows:-

" 2. Depletion of the strength of Punjabis, in general, and Sikhs, in particular, in the Army is a cause of concern. One of the reasons as pointed out by the Director Recruiting is purely technical as the Certificates do not mention the word "Sikh". It is, therefore, considered necessary to mention word "Sikh" as Prefix or Suffix in the Caste Certificate so that eligible Sikh candidates do not suffer and the Army could enroll the Sikh candidates as per their own religion/caste. In view of this you are requested to ensure that:-

- i) Whenever, any person applies to the Competent Authority for giving a Caste and Religion Certificate for the purpose of recruitment in the Army, he be given Caste and Religion Certificate, of course, after proper verification. For example, "Jat" who may also be a "Sikh" may be given a Certificate "Jat Sikh",
- ii) For persons belonging to Scheduled Castes, the castes like "Ramdasia", Ravidasia", "Majhbi" as also "Ramdasia Sikh", "Ravidasia Sikh" and "Majhbi Sikh" etc. are Scheduled Castes. In this case also, wherever the Caste Certificate is to be issued, the word "Sikh" may also be added if the person concerned, after due verification, is a Sikh. For other

castes where the Scheduled Castes do not include the word "Sikh", a separate Certificate of religion may be given after due verification. Wherever Caste Certificate has already been issued and a person applies for his Religion certificate the same may also be issued after due verification.

- iii) For all other castes also like Backward Classes i.e. Tarkhans, Lohars etc., a certificate of religion along with Caste Certificate or a separate Religion Certificate be given "

2. It has been brought into the notice of the Government by the Chairman, Punjab Backward Classes Commission, S.A.S. Nagar, that these instructions are not being followed by the various departments at the time of issuing Backward Classes Certificate by concerned Authorities. In order to overcome the difficulty mentioned above, it has been decided by the to reiterate the above said instructions to all the concerned for meticulous compliance.

The receipt of this letter may please be acknowledged.

Secretary Welfare

A copy is forwarded to all Additional Chief Secretaries, Financial Commissioners, Principal Secretaries and Secretaries to the Government of Punjab for kind information and necessary action.

Secretary Welfare.

To

All Additional Chief Secretaries, Financial Commissioners, Principal Secretaries and Secretaries to the Government of Punjab.

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① A copy is forwarded to the Chairman, Punjab state Backward Classes Commission, Forest Department, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Tower No.5, Sector 68, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali).

② A copy is forwarded to the Chairman, Punjab State Scheduled Castes Commission, Room No 8, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.

Superintendent.