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ABSTRACT

of income tax - orders issued.

G.O. Ms. No. 658.

Dated: 25.7.1989

Read:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.839 Education dated 6.4.51.
2. G.O.Ms.No.353 Industries Labour and Cooperation dated 31.1.57.
3. G.O.Ms.No.722 Social Welfare dated 13.10.77.
4. G.O.Ms.No.412 Education dated 13.4.89.

Read also:-

1. From the Director of Backward Classes, letter No. H1.12386/89 dated 13.4.89.
2. From the Director of Most Backward Classes letter No. H1.12386/89 dated 8.6.89.

ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, the Government exempted the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes from payment of full tuition fees subject to the condition that the income of parents/guardians should not exceed Rs.1500/- per annum under Rule 92 of the Tamil Nadu Educational Rules. In the Government Order second read above, Government directed that certain communities listed in that G.O. be classified as Most Backward Classes among the other Backward Classes now recognised in the State and ordered therein exemption of full tuition fees in respect of those Most Backward Classes whose parental income is less than Rs.1500/- per annum. Further in the Government Order third read above, the Government directed that the students belonging to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Converts to Christianity therefrom be granted tuition fee concession regardless of the income limit of their parents/guardians with effect from the academic year 1977-78.

2. The Director of Backward Classes in his letter read above has stated that though Most. Backward Classes/ Denotified Communities are not subject to the stigma of untouchability, they are on equal footing with their Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes their counter parts educationally.

Their annual income ceiling fixed in the Government Order second read above imposes great hardship in extending educational concessions and hence there are drop outs from among the Most Backward Classes at College level. Therefore most of the Most Backward Classes are reluctant to take up college studies and consequently their representation in educational institutions is found to be inadequate.

3. The Director of Backward Classes has further stated that the population of Backward Classes as assessed by the Second Backward Classes Commission is 3,35,00,000 of which Most Backward Classes constitute 1/3rd (i.e. 1,10 Crore roughly). The total number of students pursuing general education in Colleges (as per 1982 Statistical hand book) are 1,71,960 round. The approximate number of Backward Classes pursuing general education, (i.e. B.A., B.Sc., B.Com.) works out to 1,15,177 and the probable number of Most Backward Classes may be in the order of 40,000/- and that the Denotified Communities may be 10,000.

4. The Director of Most Backward Classes in his letter read above has submitted detailed proposals for exemption of fees, Special fees, Examination fees and other compulsory fees taking into consideration of the Backward Classes/Most Backward Classes/Denotified Communities students pursuing S.S.L.C., +2 B.A., B.Sc., B.Com. students during 1988-89. He has stated that the expenditure on the proposals is arrived at taking into consideration of (i) Tuition fees to be exempted in full in respect of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities who are pursuing studies in B.A., B.Sc., B.Com. during the year 1989-90, irrespective of their parents/guardian's annual income (ii) Special fees and (iii) Examination fees to be exempted in full in respect of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities who are pursuing studies not only in B.A., B.Sc., B.Com. but also pursuing studies in +2 and S.S.L.C. during the year 1989-90 irrespective of their parents/guardian's annual income.

5. The Government have examined carefully the proposals of the Director of Most Backward Classes for provision of free education to the students belonging to Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities pursuing degree courses such as B.A., B.Sc., B.Com. and +2 and S.S.L.C. also by exempting them from payment of tuition fees, special fees, examination fees and other compulsory fees payable by them irrespective of their parents' annual income limit from the academic year 1989-90 onwards. The Government accord sanction for incurring an expenditure of Rs.3,62,60,000 (Rupees three crores sixty two lakhs and sixty thousands only) as detailed in the Annexure to this order towards provision of free education to all Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities students who are pursuing studies in degree courses such as B.A., B.Sc., B.Com. and +2 and S.S.L.C. during the year 1989-90 irrespective of the annual income of their parents/guardians.

6. The expenditure should be debited to "2225. Welfare Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes - Welfare of Backward Classes - 277. Education - Schemes in the Fifth Five Year Plan - II. State Plan - JX. Free Education to students of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities living in B.A., B.Sc., and B.Com. Degree Courses (D.P. Code 225.03 277 JX 0002)"

7. A sum of Rs.1.25 crores only has been provided in the Budget Estimate for 1989-90. The Director of Most Backward Classes is requested to send necessary Revised Estimate/Final Budget Appropriation proposals to Government in Finance Department at the appropriate time. The Director of Most Backward Classes is requested to make necessary amendments to the applications for sanction of scholarships to Most Backward Classes/Denotified Communities.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department - vide its U.O.No.745 DS (CVK)/89-1 dated 25.7.89.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVT.

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