

**GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT**  
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No.0806/DRDM/C2/CC/2020

Puducherry, the 29.07.2020

**MEMORANDUM**

Sub: DRDM - Appeal against issue/cancellation of caste/community certificate - Instructions issued - Reg.

Ref: G.O.Ms. No.152 dated 24.11.2005 and G.O.Ms. No. 15 dated 15.06.2015 of the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Puducherry.

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In the past occasions, complaints were received that the candidates are obtaining caste/community certificate from the taluk authorities by suppressing the facts for the purpose of higher studies in Puducherry especially for admission into medical courses through CENTAC and JIPMER. For the purpose of issuing caste/community certificate, this department has already issued orders/instructions to the certificate issuing authorities to be observed while issuing caste/community certificates.

The Revenue Officers not below the rank of Tahsildars/Deputy Tahsildars being Executive Magistrates having jurisdiction over the village in which the applicant resides are empowered to issue certificates. Usually, the decision of the Tahsildar/Deputy Tahsildar shall be appealable to the Deputy Collector (Revenue) concerned, however there are no specific orders/guidelines prescribing the Appellate Authority in respect of issue of caste/community certificate. Regarding cancellation, the G.O.Ms.No.152 dated 24.11.2005 and G.O.Ms.No.15 dated 15.06.2015 clearly prescribes that District Magistrate is only competent to cancel the caste/community certificate after due procedure as prescribed in the said G.Os.

Hence, in order to avoid room for any complaints especially for admission into higher studies through CENTAC/JIPMER, the complaints received regarding the genuineness of the caste/community certificate henceforth may be enquired by the Sub/Deputy Collector (Revenue) concerned and after due enquiry, if it is found that, the candidate had obtained the caste/community certificate by willful suppression of facts, the same may be submitted to the District Committee under the chairmanship of the District Collector for cancellation within a period of 7 days from the date of receipt of such complaints. Further, if any person/applicant is aggrieved against the decision of the Tahsildar/Deputy Tahsildar regarding non-issuance of caste/community certificate, the same shall be appealable before the Sub/Deputy Collector (Revenue)-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate concerned. After receipt of such appeal petition, the same shall be disposed of through a speaking Order within 15 days on merits and the Order/decision of the Sub/Deputy Collector (Revenue)-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate concerned is final. The Orders passed by the Sub/Deputy Collector (Revenue)-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate concerned shall be appealable in the competent court of law.

  
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SECRETARY (REVENUE)

To

1. The District Collector, Puducherry/ Karaikal.
2. The Sub/Deputy Collector (Revenue), South/ North/ Karaikal/Mahe/Yanam.
3. The Tahsildar/Dy. Tahsildar, Taluk/Sub-Taluk Offices, Puducherry/Oulgaret/Villianur/Bahour/Nettanakkam/Karaikal/Thirunallar/Mahe/Yanam.