Sub: Reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) for admission in Central Educational Institutions – Reg.

4. DoPT OM No:36039/1/2019-Estt (Res) dated: 31\textsuperscript{st} January, 2019

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution (One Hundred and Third Amendment) Act 2019, and the reference of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment vide OM NO.20013/01/2018-BC-II dated: 17\textsuperscript{th} January, 2019, enabling provision of reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) who are not covered under the existing scheme of reservations for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes, it has been decided to provide reservation in admission to educational institutions subject to a maximum of ten percent of the total seats in each category.

Where, on a representation by any Central Educational Institution, the appropriate authority is satisfied that for reasons of financial, physical or academic limitations or in order to maintain the standards of education, the annual permitted strength in any branch of study or faculty of such institution cannot be increased for the academic session following the commencement of this Act, it may permit such institution to increase the annual permitted strength over a maximum period of two years beginning with the academic session following the commencement of this Act: and then, the extent of reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections shall be limited for that academic session in such manner that the number of seats made available to the Economically Weaker Sections for each academic session shall not reduce the number and the percentage of reservations provided for SC/ST/OBC categories.

The scheme for implementing the reservation for the EWS shall be displayed on the website of the institution as soon as possible, but no later than 31\textsuperscript{st} March, 2019.

**CRITERIA OF INCOME & ASSETS:**

Persons who are not covered under the scheme of reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs and whose family has gross annual income below Rs.8.00 lakh (Rupees eight lakh only) are to be identified as EWSs for benefit of reservation. Income shall also include income from all sources i.e. salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc. for the financial year prior to the year of application.

Also persons whose family owns or possesses any of the following assets shall be excluded from being identified as EWS, irrespective of the family income:-

i. 5 acres of agricultural land and above:

ii. Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft. and above,
iii. Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities;
iv. Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified municipalities.

The property held by a “Family” in different locations or different places/ cities would be clubbed while applying the land or property holding test to determine EWS status.

The term “Family” for this purpose will include the person who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/ her spouse and children below the age of 18 years.

**INCOME AND ASSET CERTIFICATE ISSUING AUTHORITY AND VERIFICATION OF CERTIFICATE:**

The benefit of reservation under EWS can be availed upon production of an Income and Asset Certificate issued by a Competent Authority. The Income and Asset Certificate issued by any one of the following authorities in the prescribed format as given in **Annexure-I** shall only be accepted as proof of candidate’s claim as belonging to EWS:-

v. District Magistrate/ Additional District Magistrate/ Collector/ Deputy Commissioner/ Additional Deputy Commissioner/ 1st class Stipendiary Magistrate/ Sub-Divisional Magistrate/ Taluka Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/ Extra Assistant Commissioner

vii. Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar and
viii. Sub-Divisional Officer or the area where the candidate and/or his family normally resides.

The Appointing Authorities/ Admitting Universities should, in the offer of Appointment/ Admission to the candidates claiming to be belonging to EWS, include the following clause:-

“The Appointment/ Admission is provisional and is subject to the Income and asset certificate being verified through the proper channels and if the verification reveals that the claim to belong to EWS is fake/false the Services/ Admission will be Terminated/ Cancelled forthwith without assigning any further reasons and without prejudice to such further action as may be taken under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code for production of fake/false certificate.”

The Appointing Authority/ Admitting Universities should verify the veracity of the income and asset certificate submitted by the candidate through the certificate issuing authority.

In view of above, the Admission Committee for UG/PG Admission, 2019 has resolved to implement the reservation of EWS for the Academic Year 2019-2020 as per rules.

**Registrar**
Annexure-I

Government of ..............
(Name & Address of the authority issuing the certificate)

INCOME & ASSET CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS

Certificate No. ........................ Date: ______________________

VALID FOR THE YEAR________________

This is to certify that Shri/Smt/Kumari ___________________________ son/daughter/wife of ___________________________ son/daughter/wife of permanent resident of ___________________________ Village/Street ___________________________ Post Office ___________________________ District _____________ in the State/Union Territory ___________________________ Pin Code ___________________________ whose photograph is attested below belongs to Economically weaker Sections, since the gross annual income* of his/her 'family'** is below Rs. 8 lakhs (Rupees Eight Lakh only) for the financial year ___________. His/her family does not own or possess any of the following assets***:

I. 5 acres of agricultural land and above;
II. Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft. and above;
III. Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities;
IV. Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified municipalities.

2. Shri/Smt/Kumari ___________________________ belongs to the _______ caste which is not recognized as a Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes (Central List)

Signature with seal of Office ___________________________
Name ___________________________
Designation ___________________________

Recent Passport size attested photograph of the applicant

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*Note: Income covered all sources i.e. salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc.
**Note: The term "family" for this purpose include the person, who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of 18 years
***Note: The property held by a "family" in different location or different places/cities have been clubbed while applying the land or property holding test to determine EWS status.

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