



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Abstract

**Higher Education –Relaxation of Criteria for admission to Medical courses for
ST students – Orders Issued**

HIGHER EDUCATION (G) DEPARTMENT

G.O. (MS) No. 116./2008/H.Edn.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 27th September 2008.

- Read: -
1. Order of the Honourable Supreme Court of India in WP(C) No.393/2008-
Vineetha and Others Vs State of Kerala and Others on 26.09.2008
 2. G.O (Rt) No.51/2008/H.Edn dated 08.01.2008

ORDER

It has come to the notice of the Government that of the 21 seats for MBBS and the 11 seats for BDS reserved for ST candidates for 2008-09 in the State of Kerala, only 2 seats have been filled up by ST candidates fully satisfying the criteria laid down by the Medical Council of India. The prospectus for admission to MBBS and BDS courses was issued vide G.O cited 2nd above. As per clause 6.2.1.(a) the eligibility fixed for admission for ST candidates is 40% marks in the Entrance Examination and qualifying examination.

The need to increase the number of students from among the Scheduled Tribes qualifying for admission to Medical courses has been engaging the attention of Government for quite some time.

The Honourable Supreme Court of India when considering WP (C) No. 393/2008 have ordered on 26.9.2008 that "It is high time that the State should take up steps for giving some proper orientation course to the SC/ST students or to set up some other formula so that sufficient number of candidates should be admitted in the course. MCI and Union of India will have to suggest appropriate remedy to find out and work out the solution."

As per the present norms students under NIR quota (i.e.; 15% seats) in Private Self-Financing Medical/Dental Colleges are eligible to get admission to MBBS/BDS courses on

the basis of marks obtained in the qualifying examination. They need not appear for the entrance examination. Hence it is only just and reasonable to adopt the same principle for admission for ST candidates to MBBS/BDS courses.

Government have examined the matter in detail and are pleased to order in supersession of all other orders in the matter that for the year 2008-09, seats for MBBS and BDS courses for the Scheduled Tribe quota in the State lying unfilled for the reason that ST candidates have not secured 40% marks in the Entrance Examination, shall be filled up by the CEE from the ST candidates who have obtained more than 40% in their qualifying examination, after making out a rank list of ST candidates on the basis of the marks obtained by them in the qualifying examinations and adopting an equalization formula for comparing the marks of different streams of qualifying examination. The prospectus issued as per the orders 2nd shall stand modified to the above extent.

The present practice of online allotment will be dispensed with for admission of ST candidates. A centralized allotment process will be conducted by the CEE after giving notification through the media. The candidates will be asked to furnish original mark list and other records at the time of counseling. The CEE will prepare rank list of qualified candidates and make allotment. The Director of Medical Education and the concerned college authorities shall admit the candidates at the venue of Centralized Counseling

Since the last date for completion of medical admission fixed by the Honourable Supreme Court is 30.9.2008, the Supreme court will be moved for extension of 3 weeks time to enable the CEE to make allotment for admission of ST candidates to the unfilled seats for MBBS/BDS courses based on an equalization formula.

However, from the next year onwards, alternative arrangements such as giving ST candidates special coaching and formulation of alternative criteria shall be explored so that sufficient number of ST candidates can be admitted to the courses.

This will be subject to the final decision of the Honourable Supreme Court of India in WP (C) No. 393/2008.

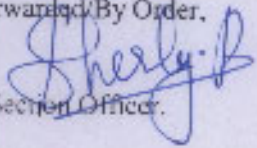
(By Order of the Governor)

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To

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The Director of Medical Education, Thiruvananthapuram
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