

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**ST & SC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

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No. 1220 / SSD Dated Bhubaneswar the 10-01-2013.  
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From

Shri Santosh Sarangi, IAS  
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.

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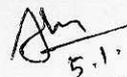
All Deptts./ All Heads of Deptts.

**Sub: - Ensuring non use of the word "Harijan" in respect of Scheduled Castes in Official Communications, transaction, Caste Certificates and other-wise.**

Sir,

In inviting reference to this Deptt. letter No. 35235/SSD dt. 06.09.2007 on the subject noted above, I am directed to send here with a copy of letter No. 17020/64/2010-SCD (RL Cell) dt. 22.11.2012 of the Director (SCD), Govt. of India, Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (Deptt. of SJ & E), New Delhi for information and necessary action. The instruction contained in the above letter as recorded Parliamentary Standing Committee may please be brought to the notice of all subordinate offices under your control for strict adherence to the instructions under intimation to this Deptt.

Yours faithfully,



Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.

Memo No 1221 / SSD Dated 10-01-2013.

Copy with copy of the letter No. 17020/64/2010-SCD(RL Cell) dt. 22.11.2012 forwarded to the All Collectors/All DWOs for information & necessary action with reference to this Deptt. Memo No. 35236/SSD dt. 06.09.2007.



Deputy Secretary to Govt.

Memo No 1222 / SSD Dated 10-01-2013.

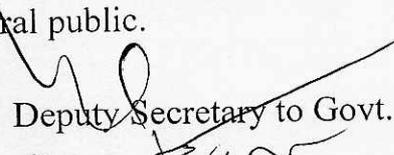
Copy with copy of the letter No. 17020/64/2010-SCD(RL Cell) dt. 22.11.2012 forwarded to the Director, SCSTRTI/Director, ATDC/ MD, OSFDC/ MD, TDCC/ PD, OTELP for information & necessary action.



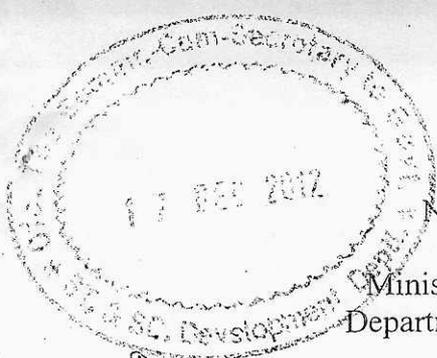
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

Memo No 1223 / SSD Dated 10-01-2013.

Copy with copy of the letter No. 17020/64/2010-SCD(RL Cell) dt. 22.11.2012 forwarded to the Sri S.K. Mukharjee, Special Officer, Statistics, S.T & S.C Development Department & SC Dev. Department for information. He is instructed to upload in the Departmental website for information of general public.



Deputy Secretary to Govt.



No. 17020/64/2010-SCD (R.L. Cell)  
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Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment  
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Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi  
New Delhi, dated: 22.11.2012

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To,  
The Chief Secretaries,  
All State Governments/  
Union Territory Administrations.

**Subject:** Need to avoid the use of term "Harijan" in respect of Scheduled Castes in official communications and transactions.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) letter No. BC 12025/44/80-SC&BCD.I/IV, dated 10.02.1982, in which all the State Governments /Union Territory Administrations were requested to issue instructions to the authorities who were empowered to issue the Scheduled Castes certificates, not to insert the word 'Harijan' in the Scheduled Caste certificates, but to mention only the name of the caste to which the person belongs. Subsequently, the Ministry of Welfare ( now Social Justice and Empowerment), vide letter No. 12025/14/90-SCD (R.L.Cell), dated 16.08.1990, had again requested the Chief Secretaries of all State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, that for all official transactions, matters, dealings, certificates etc., the Constitutional term, 'Scheduled Caste' in English and its appropriate translation in other national languages should alone be used for denoting the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes included in the Presidential Orders issued under Article 341 of the Constitution. The State Governments/ U.T.Administrations were also requested that in the names of departments, which are in overall charge of development/welfare of Scheduled Castes, the term 'Harijan' etc. should not be used.

2. The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment, in its Ninth Report presented to Lok Sabha and laid in Rajya Sabha on 19.08.2010, inter-alia observed as follows:-

*".....the circular issued way back in 1982 is very old which has lost its sanctity and purpose leading to its non compliance..... As such, there is widespread use of the word 'Harijan' across the country deprecating the status of the underprivileged sections of the society."*

Accordingly, the Committee has recommended that this Ministry issue fresh guidelines, instructions to States/U.Ts directing them to ensure the non-use of the word "Harijan" not only in caste certificates but also otherwise.

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3. All the State Governments /U.T. Administrations are again requested that for all official transactions, matters, dealings, certificates etc., the Constitutional term, 'Scheduled Caste' in English, and its appropriate translation in other national languages should alone be used for denoting the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes included in the Orders issued by the President under Article 341 of the Constitution of India.

4. Action taken on the above may kindly be intimated to the undersigned.

Yours faithfully,

Stick as above.



(P.L.Negi)  
Director (SCD)  
Tel: 23385491

No. 17020/64/2010-SCD (R.L. Cell), New Delhi,  
Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

dated: 22.11.2012

- 1) All Central Ministries/Departments of Government of India.
- 2) The Secretary, Union Public Service Commission, Dholpur House, New Delhi-110069.
- 3) The Chairperson, Staff Selection Commission, Block No.-12, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
- 4) The Comptroller & Auditor General of India, Pocket-9, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg, New Delhi-110124.
- 5) Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, Ashoka Road, New Delhi-110001.
- 6) The Joint Secretary, National Commission for Scheduled Castes, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi - 110003.
- 7) All Bureau Heads/ Divisional Heads/ Desks/ Sections of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.



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