

Government of West Bengal
Department of Higher Education
University Branch
Bikash Bhavan, 6th Floor, Bidhannagar, Kolkata – 700 091

No. 781(31)–Edn (U)/HED-12016(99)/29/2026-UNV SEC- Deptt. of HE Date:11.06.2026

From: Assistant Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

To: The Registrar,University (All State- aided)

Subject: Applicability of OBC Reservation and Non- Creamy Layer (NCL) status in admission and recruitment processes- regarding

Madam/Sir,

Enclosed herewith kind find copy of No. 1037(64)/Secy-BCW/MR- 33/2025 (Pt. V) dated 29.05.2026 received from the Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Backward Class Welfare Department, on the subject noted above for information and taking necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As stated


Assistant Secretary

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1. Secretary/ Sr. Special Secretary (CS/CG/University Branch), Higher Education Department
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4. Sr. P.S. to Secretary, BCW Department
5. Sr. P.S. to the Addl. Chief Secretary, Higher Education Department


Assistant Secretary

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 4TH & 5TH FLOOR, DJ 4, SECTOR II, SALT LAKE, KOLKATA

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No. 1037 (64)/Secy-BCW/MR-33/2025 (Pt. V)

Dated: 29.05.2026

From: Sri. Sanjay Bansal, IAS
Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

To: - 1-64) The Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary,
----- Department (All)

Sub: **Applicability of OBC Reservation and Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) status in admission and recruitment processes - reg.**

Sir / Madam,

It has been observed that various admission authorities and recruiting agencies have, from time to time, sought clarification from this Department regarding eligibility of a candidate under OBC category based on his/her Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) status at the time of admission in higher education or recruitment.

In this regard, it is clarified that mere possession of paternal OBC certificate does not automatically confer entitlement to OBC reservation benefits. Reservation under the OBC category is admissible only to candidates belonging to the Non-Creamy Layer and possessing a valid OBC-NCL certificate issued by the competent authority.

Accordingly, when a candidate fails to produce a valid OBC-NCL certificate within the prescribed crucial date, such candidate shall not be eligible for OBC reservation benefits and shall be treated as belonging to the Unreserved (General) category for admission in higher education, selection, and appointment under the State Government. In such case, the candidate may be allowed /encouraged to apply under the Unreserved (General) category for admission or selection process at the time of application process to avoid confusion at later stage of admission/recruitment.

Determination of Creamy Layer status shall be governed by the extant rules, notifications, and guidelines issued by the respective Government.

This is for your kind information and taking necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Received on 01/06/2026

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Date Referrd to Sri. SS (C.T.)

Remarks.....

Additional Chief Secretary
Department of Higher Education

Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

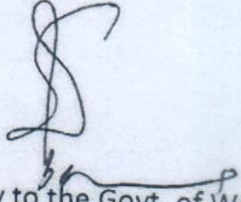
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5. The Chairman, West Bengal Co-operative Service Commission;
6. The Chairman, West Bengal Police Recruitment Board;
7. The Chairman, West Bengal Joint Entrance Examination Board;
8. The Director, Directorate of Medical Education;
9. The Secretary, Public Service Commission, West Bengal;
10. The Secretary, West Bengal Madrasah Service Commission;
11. The President, West Bengal Board of Primary Education.


Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

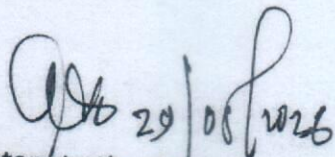
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Special Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal