

RESERVATIONS FOR MUSLIMS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

The government of Andhra Pradesh has ordered five percent reservations for Muslims in educational Institutions and employment by including them in the backward classes with a new category called 'E' in the BC list which has 4 categories A, B, C & D. It came in the form of a Government order (G.O.Ms. 33) issued on July 12, 2004 by the backward classes welfare department.

There are some people who have opposed it by filing a Writ petition in the Court. A Division Bench of High Court comprising the Chief Justice, Mr. Devender Gupta and Justice C.V Ramulu on Wednesday, 21st July, declared that appropriate Interim orders regarding the implementation of G.O. No.33, which conferred reservations on Muslims, will be delivered on Thursday, 22nd July, 2004.

The high court has ordered the government to constitute a commission to collect the data regarding the socio-economic aspects of Muslims empirically, and prepare a report and thereafter submit the details there of, and give its recommendations.

The government has constituted a committee with a chairman and four other members. The committee has given a notification No.855/C1/2004 Dated: 6-12-2004, Published in the Hindu News paper, dated: 11-12-2004, urging all the communities to give the representations and authentic data if any, in favour of or against giving reservations to the Muslim community.

COVA has given a memorandum urging the commission to give 5% reservations to the Muslim Community. (see file)

The Prime Minister's high level committee on the socio-economic conditions of Muslims visited Hyderabad on 4-6 June 2005, It was in need of authentic data regarding the socio-economic, educational, political conditions of the Muslims of Andhra Pradesh.

COVA has also submitted a detailed report to the Chairman of Prime Minister's high level committee Mr. Rajendra Sachar and urged the committee to give 5% reservations to the Muslim Community. (see file)