

Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission

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I. Introduction

This Manual is published under provisions of the Right to Information Act, 2005 to provide information to the public at large about the nature, constitution, function and duties of the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission.

II. Origin of Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission

The Tamilnadu Backward Classes Commission has been constituted as a permanent body under Article 16(4) read with Article 340 of the Constitution of India as per G.O.Ms.No.9, Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes Welfare Department, dated 15.3.1993, in pursuance of the direction given by the Supreme Court of India in the *Indira Sawhney and others Vs. Union of India and Others (J.T. 1992 (6) SC 273)* known as *Mandal* case. Accordingly the commission is functioning from 15.3.1993 onwards headed by a Chairman, who is a Retired Judge of High Court.

III. Terms of Reference of the Commission:

In G.O.Ms.No.9, Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes Welfare Department, dated 15.3.1993, the following terms of references were issued:-

- 1) The Commission shall entertain, examine and recommend upon requests for inclusion and complaints of over inclusion and under inclusion in the lists of Backward Classes/Most Backward Classes;
- 2) Periodic revision of list of Backward Classes/Most Backward Classes in the State as and when decided;
- 3) The Commission shall base its recommendations in the light of the provision contained in Article 16(4) read with relevant provisions of the Constitution of India and the various decisions of the Supreme Court bearing on the subject.

In G.O.Ms.No.30, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, dated 11.7.2006, the following terms of references were issued:-

- (i) The Commission shall entertain, examine and recommend upon requests for inclusion and complaints of over-inclusion and under-inclusion in the lists of Backward Classes/Most Backward Classes;

- (ii) Periodic revision of list of Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes in this State as and when decided;
- (iii) The Commission shall base its recommendations in the light of provision contained in Article 16(4) read with relevant provisions of the Constitution of India and the various decisions of the Supreme Court bearing on the subject;
- (iv) The Commission shall make recommendations on improved reservation for Christians, Muslims and other Minorities based on their social and educational backwardness;
- (v) The Commission shall examine and make recommendations on any other matter relating to Backward Classes that may be referred to it by Government from time to time.

In G.O.(Ms.) No.35, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities welfare department, dated 21.3.2012, the Government have modified the terms of reference of the Commission, as given below, by issuing additional terms of reference.

- (i) The Commission shall entertain, examine and recommend upon requests for inclusion and complaints of over-inclusion and under-inclusion in the lists of Backward Classes / Most Backward Classes;
- (ii) Periodic revision of list of Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes in this State as and when decided;
- (iii) The Commission shall base its recommendations in the light of the provision contained in Article 16(4) read with relevant provisions of the Constitution of India and the various decisions of the Supreme Court bearing on the subject;
- (iv) The Commission shall make recommendations on improved reservation for Christians, Muslims and other Minorities based on their social and educational backwardness;
- (v) The Commission shall examine and recommend upon the demand made by various communities to provide for internal reservation within the reservation provided for Most Backward Classes;
- (vi) The Commission shall examine and make recommendations on any other matter relating to Backward Classes that may be referred to it by Government from time to time.

IV. Constitution of the existing Commission

In G.O.Ms.No.147, Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department, dated 28.12.2012, the Commission has been reconstituted with the Chairman and Members as detailed below, for a tenure of 3 (three) years with effect from 28.12.2012:-

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| 1) | Justice Thiru.M.S. Janarthanam,
Retd. Judge of High Court. | ... | Chairman |
| 2) | Dr. R. Thandavan | ... | Member |
| 3) | Dr. C. Murukadas | ... | Member |
| 4) | Dr. V.R. Thirunarayanan | ... | Member |
| 5) | Dr. M.R. Srinivasan | ... | Member |
| 6) | Dr. V.M. Muthukumar | ... | Member |
| 7) | Dr. K. Jeyaraman | ... | Member |
| | <u>Ex-officio Members</u> | | |
| 8) | The Director of Backward
Classes welfare | ... | Member |
| 9) | The Commissioner of Most Backward
Classes and Denotified Communities | ... | Member-Secretary |

V. Particulars of Chairman and Members of earlier Commissions

Date of constitution	Names of Chairman and Members	Term of the commission	Government Order No. and date	Terms of reference
13.11.1969	<p><u>First Backward Classes Commission</u></p> <p>Chairman:-</p> <p>1) Thiru.A.N.Sattanathan, (Retired Collector of Customs)</p> <p>Members:-</p> <p>2) Thiru.S.Chinnappan, District & Sessions Judge (Retd)</p> <p>3) Thiru.M.A.Jamal Hussain, District & Sessions Judge(Retd)</p> <p>Member Secretary:-</p> <p>4) Director of Backward Classes</p>	18.11.1969 to 26.11.1970	G.O.Ms.No. 842, Social Welfare department, dated 13.11.1969	<p>(1) The Tamil Nadu State Backward Classes Commission shall review the measures so far taken by the State Government for the welfare of the BCs and the betterment of their conditions and assess the effectiveness of such measure in improving the conditions of BCs and in particular in matter relating to education and representation in public services of the State.</p> <p>(2) The Commission shall examine and assess with reference to concessions, privileges and benefits given to them by the State Government, the improvements in the conditions of the MBCs in education and other matters.</p> <p>(3) The Commission may make recommendations as to the further steps that should be taken by the State Government to improve the conditions of the BCs and MBCs in respect of – (i)education, including reservation of seats in professional colleges and institutions of higher learning; (ii)representation in public services; (iii)trade,commerce and industry; (iv)rural credit,marketing and cooperation; (v)housing; (vi)grants; and (vii)community development.</p> <p>(4) The Commission may make recommendations in respect of short-term and long-term measures to be taken by the State Government for raising the level of BCs and MBCs.</p>

Date of constitution	Names of Chairman and Members	Term of the commission	Government Order No. and date	Terms of reference
13.12.1982	<p><u>Second Backward Classes Commission</u></p> <p>Chairman:-</p> <p>1)Thiru.J.A.Ambashankar,IAS., (Retd)</p> <p>Members:-</p> <p>2)Thiru.S.R.Radha,M.L.C., 3)Thiru.G.Vishwanathan,MLA., 4)Thiru.V.V.Swaminathan,MLA., 5)Thiru.S.Andi Thevar,MLA., 6)Thiru.P.Nedumaran,MLA., 7)Thiru.Anbil Dharmalingam,MLA., 8)Thiru.Kumari Anandan,MLA., 9)Thiru.M.John Vincent,MLA., 10)Thiru.Liaquat Ali Khan 11)Dr.Samarasam,MLA., 12)Tmt.Soundara Kailasam 13)Thiru.M.K.Balasubramaniam,IAS(Re td)</p> <p>Member Secretary:-</p> <p>14) Director of Backward Classes</p>	13.12.1982 to 28.2.1985	G.O. Ms. No. 3078, Social Welfare department, dated 13.12.1982.	<p>(i) The Commission shall review the existing list of BCs as approved in G.O.Ms.No.72, Social Welfare, dated 1.2.1980 and light of the provisions contained in Article 15(4) and 16(4) and other relevant provisions of the Constitution and in light of the various decisions of the Supreme Court bearing on the subject.</p> <p>(ii) The Commission shall make a scientific and factual investigation of the conditions of the BCs in the State and recommend specific measures for their advancement.</p> <p>(iii) The Commission shall review the measures so far taken by the State Government for the welfare of the BCs and the betterment of their conditions and assess the effectiveness of such measures in improving the conditions of BCs in particular in matters relating to education and representation in public services of the State.</p> <p>(iv)The Commission shall examine and assess with reference to concessions, privileges and benefits given to them by the State Government, the improvements in the conditions of the MBCs in education and other matters.</p> <p>(v) The Commission may make recommendations as to the further steps that should be taken by the State Government to improve the conditions of the BCs in respect of –</p> <p>(a) education, including reservation of seats in professional colleges and institutions of higher learning;</p> <p>(b) representation in public services;</p> <p>(c) trade, commerce and industry;</p> <p>(d) rural credit, marketing and cooperation;</p> <p>(e) housing;</p> <p>(f) grants; and</p> <p>(g) community development.</p> <p>(vi)The Commission may make recommendations in respect of short-term and long-term measures to be taken by the State Government for raising the level of BCs.</p> <p>(vii)The Commission shall on the basis of relevant materials so gathered by it examine and recommend whether the reservation ordered in G.O.Ms.No.73, Social Welfare, dated 1.2.1980 may continue or will need by modification.</p> <p>(viii)The Commission shall cover all such questions and issues as have a bearing upon-</p> <p>(a)the question of enumeration and classification of BCs of the State;</p> <p>(b)the question of reservation in admission in educational institutions including professional college and institutions of higher learning; and</p> <p>(c)the question of reservation of appointment of posts in favour of BCs in the Services under the State.</p>

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15.3.1993	<p><u>First constitution of permanent Commission</u></p> <p>Chairman:-</p> <p>1)Justice Thiru.K. Shanmugam, Retd High Court Judge</p> <p>Members:-</p> <p>2)Thiru.U.S.Natarajan,IAS (Retd) 3)Thiru.M.Manickavelu,IAS (Retd) 4)Dr.C.Murukadas, Professor of Economics 5)Thiru.C.Muthusamy, IAS(Retd) 6)Dr.D.Sundaram, Professor of Sociology</p> <p>Ex-officio Members:-</p> <p>7)Director of BC and MW 8)Director of MBC and DC</p> <p>Member Secretary:-</p> <p>Thiru.R.Sellamuthu, IAS.,</p>	Two years	G.O.Ms.No.9, BC,MBC Welfare Dept, dated 15.3.1993	<p>(i)The Commission shall entertain, examine and recommend upon requests for inclusion and complaints of over-inclusion and under-inclusion in the lists of BC / MBC.</p> <p>(ii) Periodic revision of list of BC / MBC in this State as and when decided.</p> <p>(iii)The Commission shall base its recommendations in the light of provision contained in Article 16(4) read with relevant provisions of the Constitution of India and the various decisions of the Supreme Court bearing on the subject.</p>

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29.3.1995	<p><u>Reconstituted Commission</u></p> <p>Chairman:-</p> <p>1)Justice Thiru.K.Shanmukham, Retd High Court Judge</p> <p>Members:-</p> <p>2)Thiru.R.Sellamuthu,IAS., 3)Thiru.U.S. Natarajan, IAS(Retd) 4)Thiru.M.Manikavelu,IAS(Rtd) 5)Dr.C.Murukadas, Professor of Economics 6)Thiru.C.Muthusamy, IAS(Retd) 7)Dr.D.Sundaram, Professor of Sociology.</p> <p>Ex-officio Member:-</p> <p>8)Director of BC & MW</p> <p>Ex-officio Member Secretary:-</p> <p>9)Director of MBC & DC</p>	Two years	G.O.Ms.No. 17, BC,MBC Welfare dept, dated 29.3.1995	

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17.3.1997	<p><u>Reconstituted Commission</u></p> <p>Chairman:-</p> <p>1)Justice Thiru.K.M. Natarajan, Retd High Court Judge</p> <p>Members:-</p> <p>2)Thiru.Suba Thangavelan,MLA., 3)Thiru.Perur Natarajan,MLA 4)Thiru.Thiruvaidaimaruthur Ramalingam, MLA., 5)Thiru.C.Muthusamy, IAS (retd) 6)Dr.C.Murukadas, Professor of Economics 7)Dr.D.Sundaram, Professor of Sociology.</p> <p>Ex-officio Member:-</p> <p>8)Director of BC and MW</p> <p>Ex-officio Member Secretary:-</p> <p>9)Director of MBC and DC</p>	Two years	G.O. Ms. No. 24, BC and MBC Welfare Dept, dated 17.3.1997	

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31.3.1999	<p><u>Reconstituted Commission</u></p> <p>Chairman:-</p> <p>1)Justice Thiru.K.M. Natarajan, Retd High Court Judge</p> <p>Members:-</p> <p>2)Thiru.Suba Thangavelan,MLA., 3)Thiru.Perur Natarajan,MLA 4)Thiru.Thiruvaidaimaruthur Ramalingam, MLA., 5)Thiru.C.Muthusamy, IAS (retd) 6)Dr.C.Murukadas, Professor of Economics 7)Dr.D.Sundaram, Professor of Sociology.</p> <p>Ex-officio Member:-</p> <p>8)Director of BC and MW</p> <p>Ex-officio Member Secretary:-</p> <p>9)Director of MBC and DC</p>	One year	G.O.Ms.No. 19, BC and MBC Welfare dept, dated 31.3.1999	

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16.3.2000	<p><u>Reconstituted Commission</u></p> <p>Chairman:-</p> <p>1)Justice Thiru.K.M. Natarajan, Retd High Court Judge</p> <p>Members:-</p> <p>2)Thiru.Suba Thangavelan,MLA., 3)Thiru.Perur Natarajan,MLA 4)Thiru.Thiruvidaimaruthur Ramalingam, MLA., 5)Thiru.C.Muthusamy, IAS (retd) 6)Dr.C.Murukadas, Professor of Economics 7)Dr.D.Sundaram, Professor of Sociology.</p> <p>Ex-officio Member:-</p> <p>8)Director of BC and MW</p> <p>Ex-officio Member Secretary:-</p> <p>9)Director of MBC and DC</p>	Two years	G.O. Ms. No. 21, BC,MBC & DW dept, dated 16.3.2000	

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7.3.2001	<p><u>Reconstituted Commission</u></p> <p>Chairman:-</p> <p>1)Justice Thiru.K.M. Natarajan, Retd High Court Judge</p> <p>Members:-</p> <p>2)Thiru.Suba Thangavelan,MLA., 3)Thiru.Perur Natarajan,MLA 4)Thiru.Thiruvaidaimaruthur Ramalingam, MLA., 5)Thiru.C.Muthusamy, IAS (retd) 6)Dr.C.Murukadas, Professor of Economics 7)Dr.D.Sundaram, Professor of Sociology.</p> <p>Ex-officio Member:-</p> <p>8)Director of BC and MW</p> <p>Ex-officio Member Secretary:-</p> <p>9)Director of MBC and DC</p>	One year	G.O.Ms.No. 16, BC,MBC & MW dept, dated 7.3.2001	

Date of constitution	Names of Chairman and Members	Term of the commission	Government Order No. and date	Terms of reference
13.11.2002	<u>Reconstituted Commission</u> Chairman:- 1) Justice Thiru.N.Arumugham, Retd High Court Judge Ex-officio Member Secretary:- 2) Director of MBC and DC	Three years	G.O. Ms. No. 51, BC,MBC & MW dept, dated 13.11.2002	
1.3.2006	Chairman and Members of the reconstituted Commission in G.O.Ms.No.17, BC,MBC&MW dept, dated 1.3.2006 did not assume charge. Implementation of Government order issued was kept in abeyance.			

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14.7.2006	<p><u>Reconstituted Commission</u></p> <p>Chairman:-</p> <p>1)Justice.M.S.Janarthanam, Retired High Court Judge</p> <p>Members:-</p> <p>2)Thiru Ila Pughazhendi, Ex.M.L.A 3)Thiru Thiruvaidaimaruthur A. Ramalingam 4)Thiru V.Velusami, Ex MLA 5)Thiru. Era Bernard, Ex.M.L.A 6)Tmt.Poongodhai Chelladurai 7)Thiru D.Sundaram, Professor of Sociology</p> <p>Ex-officio Member:-</p> <p>8)Director of Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare</p> <p>Ex-officio Member Secretary:-</p> <p>9)Director of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities</p>	Two years	G.O. Ms. No. 30, BC,MBC & MW dept, dated 11.7.2006	<p>(i) The Commission shall entertain, examine and recommend upon requests for inclusion and complaints of over-inclusion and under-inclusion in the lists of Backward Classes/Most Backward Classes.</p> <p>(ii) Periodic revision of list of Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes in this State as and when decided.</p> <p>(iii) The Commission shall base its recommendations in the light of provision contained in Article 16(4) read with relevant provisions of the Constitution of India and the various decisions of the Supreme Court bearing on the subject.</p> <p>(iv) The Commission shall make recommendations on improved reservation for Christians, Muslims and other Minorities based on their social and educational backwardness.</p> <p>(v) The Commission shall examine and make recommendations on any other matter relating to Backward Classes that may be referred to it by Government from time to time.</p>

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11.7.2008	<p><u>Reconstituted Commission</u></p> <p>Chairman:-</p> <p>1)Justice. M.S.Janarthanam, Retired High Court Judge</p> <p>Members:-</p> <p>2)Thiru M.A.Vaithiyalingam, Ex.M.L.A 3)Thiru Era Mohan, Ex.M.P 4)Thiru Kottur Rajasekaran 5)Tmt.Kanchana Kamalanathan, Ex.M.L.A 6)Thiru S. David Selvin, Ex.M.L.A 7)Thiru D.Sundaram, Professor of Sociology</p> <p>Ex-officio Member:-</p> <p>8)Director of Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare</p> <p>Ex-officio Member Secretary:-</p> <p>9)Director of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities</p>	Two years	G.O. Ms. No. 76, BC,MBC & MW dept, dated 11.7.2008	

Date of constitution	Names of Chairman and Members	Term of the commission	Government Order No. and date	Terms of reference
14.7.2010	<p><u>Reconstituted Commission</u></p> <p>Chairman:-</p> <p>1)Justice. M.S.Janarthanam, Retired High Court Judge</p> <p>Members:-</p> <p>2)Thiru M.A.Vaithiyalingam, Ex.M.L.A 3)Thiru Era Mohan, Ex.M.P 4)Thiru Kottur Rajasekaran 5)Tmt.Kanchana Kamalanathan, Ex.M.L.A 6)Thiru S. David Selvin, Ex.M.L.A 7)Thiru D.Sundaram, Professor of Sociology</p> <p>Ex-officio Member:-</p> <p>8)Director of Backward Classes Welfare</p> <p>Ex-officio Member Secretary:-</p> <p>9)Director of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities</p>	<p>Two years</p> <p>Note: The Chairman tendered resignation w.e.f. 16.5.2011 (AN). The resignation of the Chairman was not accepted. The Chairman was allowed to continue on same terms (G.O.Ms. No.37, BC,MBC & MW dept, dated 16.6.2011). Four of the Members resigned.</p>	<p>G.O. Ms. No. 59, BC,MBC & MW dept, dated 14.7.2010</p>	

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5.7.2011	<p><u>Reconstituted Commission</u></p> <p>Chairman:-</p> <p>1)Justice. M.S.Janarthanam, Retired High Court Judge</p> <p>Members:-</p> <p>2)Thiru V.Elumalai, Ex.M.L.A 3)Dr.V.M.Muthukumar 4)Dr.R.Thandavan 5)Prof D.Sundaram, Professor of Sociology. 6)Dr.S.P.Thyagarajan 7)Thiru.KR.Muruganandam, Ex. M.L.A.,</p> <p>Ex-officio Member:-</p> <p>8)Director of Backward Classes Welfare</p> <p>Ex-officio Member Secretary:-</p> <p>9)Commissioner of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities</p>	One year	G.O.Ms. No. 43, BC,MBC & MW dept, dated 5.7.2011	<p>(i) The Commission shall entertain, examine and recommend upon requests for inclusion and complaints of over-inclusion and under-inclusion in the lists of Backward Classes / Most Backward Classes.</p> <p>(ii) Periodic revision of list of Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes in this State as and when decided.</p> <p>(iii) The Commission shall base its recommendations in the light of the provision contained in Article 16(4) read with relevant provisions of the Constitution of India and the various decisions of the Supreme Court bearing on the subject.</p> <p>(iv) The Commission shall make recommendations on improved reservation for Christians, Muslims and other Minorities based on their social and educational backwardness.</p> <p>(v) The Commission shall examine and recommend upon the demand made by various communities to provide for internal reservation within the reservation provided for Most Backward Classes.</p> <p>(vi) The Commission shall examine and make recommendations on any other matter relating to Backward Classes that may be referred to it by Government from time to time.</p> <p><i>(Additional Terms of Reference in (v) above has been issued in G.O.Ms.No.35, BC, MBC & MW dept, dated 21.3.2012)</i></p>

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28.12.2012	<p><u>Reconstituted Commission</u></p> <p>Chairman:-</p> <p>1)Justice. M.S.Janarthanam, Retired High Court Judge</p> <p>Members:-</p> <p>2)Dr.R.Thandavan 3)Dr.C.Murukadas 4)Dr.V.R.Thirunarayanan 5)Dr.M.R.Srinivasan 6)Dr.V.M.Muthukumar 7)Dr.K.Jeyaraman</p> <p>Ex-officio Member:-</p> <p>8)Director of Backward Classes Welfare</p> <p>Ex-officio Member Secretary:-</p> <p>9)Commissioner of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities</p>	Three year	G.O.Ms. No. 147, BC,MBC & MW dept, dated 28.12.2012	

VI. Officers and employees of the Commission

Sl. No.	Posts sanctioned	Number of posts
1.	Under Secretary	One
2.	Section Officer	One
3.	Assistant Section Officer (One upgraded as Section Officer)	Two
4.	Personal Assistant (Two upgraded as Private Secretary)	Three
5.	Assistant	One
6.	Typist	One
7.	Driver	One
8.	Office Assistant	Six

VII. Name and Designation of Public Information Officers and Appellate Authority

Authority	Designation	Address	Phone Number	Fax Number
Public Information officer	Under Secretary	Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission 212, R.K. Mutt Road, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004.	044- 24643935	044- 24643935
Appellate Authority	Member Secretary & Commissioner of Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities	Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission 212, R.K. Mutt Road, Mylapore, Chennai 600 004.	044- 24643935/ 28546193	044- 24643935

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