

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Scheduled Castes Scheduled Tribes Development Department –Scheduled Caste (Vannan) claim of Smt. Athira Prakasan, D/o Prakasan, Puthenveedu, Theruvil, Peravoor P.O., Kannur– Rejected - Orders issued.

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**SCHEDULED CASTES/SCHEDULED TRIBES DEPARTMENT (G)  
DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Ms)No.16/2026/SCSTD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 07-05-2026

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Read:- Proceedings No. G2/27/2023-SCSTDD dated 31.03.2026 of the Chairperson, Scrutiny Committee for verification of Community Certificates.

**ORDER**

The Scrutiny Committee for verification of Community Certificates, constituted under the Kerala (Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1996, as per Proceedings read above, rejected the Scheduled Caste (Vannan) claim of Smt. Athira Prakasan, D/o Prakasan, Puthenveedu, Theruvil, Peravoor P.O., Kannur and recommended Government to take further action to issue orders in this regard.

2. Government have decided to accept the above recommendation and the Scheduled Caste (Vannan) claim of Smt. Athira Prakasan, D/o Prakasan, Puthenveedu, Theruvil, Peravoor P.O. Kannur district is hereby rejected with clarification on the following:

- Smt. Athira Prakasan, D/o Prakasan, Puthenveedu, Theruvil, Peravoor P.O. Kannur does not belong to Scheduled Caste (Vannan) community, but to Hindu Saliyas (OBC) community.
- She will not be eligible for any of the benefits exclusively intended for members of the Scheduled Castes. If she had availed any benefits meant for members of the Scheduled Castes, all such benefits should be stopped.
- If the caste in respect of Smt. Athira Prakasan, D/o Prakasan, Puthenveedu, Theruvil, Peravoor P.O. Kannur is recorded in her academic records as Scheduled Caste (Vannan), it will be got corrected as Hindu Saliyas (OBC) community.
- Scheduled Caste Certificates will not be issued to her hereinafter. All the Scheduled Caste Certificates acquired by her are treated as cancelled.

- If she got appointment or admission on consideration as member of Scheduled Caste community, she should be terminated from service or her admission should be cancelled and another eligible member of the Scheduled Caste community shall be appointed/admitted against the resultant vacancy.
  - The authorities concerned shall initiate actions stipulated in Section 15, 15A, 16, 16A, 17 and 29 of The Kerala (Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1996 against her.
  - Any amount paid to her by the Government or any other agency by way of scholarship, grant, allowance, stipend or any other financial benefits shall be recovered as if it is an arrear of public revenue due on land.
3. Compliance report on the above orders will be furnished to Government by all concerned, at the earliest.

(By order of the Governor)  
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ADDITIONAL SECRETARY

To:

1. Smt. Athira Prakasan, D/o Prakasan, Puthenveedu, Theruvil, Peravoor P.O. Kannur district (by Speed Post).
2. The Director, Scheduled Castes Development Department, Thiruvananthapuram (Member, Scrutiny Committee for verification of Community Certificates)
3. The Director, KIRTADS, Chevayoor, Kozhikkode – 17 (Member, Scrutiny Committee for Verification of Community Certificates)
4. The Vigilance Officer, KIRTADS, Chevayoor, Kozhikkode-17.
5. The District Collector, Kannur
6. The Tahsildar, Iritty Taluk.
7. The Director, Information & Public Relations Department (For Press Release).
8. Information & Public Relations (Web & New Media) Department (For uploading in Govt. website).
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Section Officer