From The Principal Secretary  
To  
    Shri Kanwal Bakshi  
    Member  
    Punjab Subordinate Service Selection Board  
    SCO 156-160, Sector 8-C, Chandigarh

Sir,

Sub: Status of Christian Community and other facilities etc.

Ref. Your DO Lr. No. M/PSSB/Spl/XI/03/ dated 7.11.03

I am directed to invite your attention to the letter cited and to inform you that, in general Christian Community is considered as a forward community in the State having various denominations. Among such denominations, only two or three denominations/groups are identified as Backward Classes, Viz. (i) Latin Catholic (ii) Anglo Indian (iii) South Indian United Church & (iv) other Christians (those who were converted from the SCs). Among the above mentioned four groups, the quota of reservation enjoyed in public appointments is as follows:

(i) Latin Catholic and Anglo Indian (combined) 4%
(ii) Other Christian – (2% for the lower grade service) (-1% for the Service other than LGS) (those who have converted from Scheduled Caste)
(iii) South Indian United Church is not having specific percentage of reservation at present.
The converts from STs to Christianity do get the benefit of reservation available to the STs.
As per Art. 30 (1) of the constitution of India, all minorities, whether based on religion or language, shall have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice. The Christian community in the State comes under this provision.
I am also to inform you that converts from Scheduled Castes were included in the list of Other Eligible Community and were given all educational concessions applicable to Scheduled Caste students. In addition to the above, for the welfare activities of the converts from SC and Recommended Communities, this Government have formed a Corporation namely Kerala State Development Corporation for Christian Converts from Schedule Castes and the Recommended Communities Limited Kottayam. And also that X’an students belonging to OBC and SEBC were given educational concessions based on the annual income of the parents.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/-
Valsamma John
Additional Secretary
For Pri. Secretary to Govt.