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NOTICE

Ref. No. LC/Notice-OBC/306/2024-2025 dated 27.5.2025

The Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta has passed a judgment and order dated 22nd May, 2024 ("said judgment"), inter alia, striking off 114 classes from Schedule I of the West Bengal Backward Classes (Other than Schedules Castes and Scheduled Tribes) (Reservation of Vacancies in Services and Posts) Act, 2012 ("2012 Act"). The said judgment has also quashed all such executive notifications (that were published after 2010) classifying any of the aforementioned 114 classes as OBCs.

The said judgment categorically holds that *"the citizens from the 77 classes and 37 classes cannot be appointed under the State services or derive any other benefit of any reservation"* till the State and the West Bengal Commission on Backward Class conduct fresh exercise for the purposes of Article 16(4).

Therefore, in compliance with the judgment and order 22nd May, 2024 passed by the Hon'ble High Court at Calcutta, Loreto College, Kolkata shall not extend reservation benefits under the OBC category to any applicant whose claim is based on classifications made under the following notifications and statutory provisions, which have been declared void by the Hon'ble High Court:

1. Executive Orders:

- No. 6309-BCW/MR-84/10 dated 24th September, 2010
- No. 1673-BCW/MR-209/11 dated 11th May, 2012
- Orders Nos. 771-BCW/MR-436/1999 to 6305-BCW/MR-436/99(1) (dated between 5th March, 2010 and 24th September, 2010)

2. Provisions of the West Bengal Backward Classes (Other than SCs and STs) (Reservation of Vacancies in Services and Posts) Act, 2012:

- Section 2(h) (second part)
- Section 5(a)
- Section 16

Therefore, College is legally bound to not grant reservation benefits to the aforesaid 114 classes that has been expressly struck down from Schedule I of the 2012 Act by the Hon'ble Division Bench of High Court at Calcutta vide the said judgment. It is expressly stated that the instant suspension of reservation does not apply or extend to any caste or class that has not been struck down from Schedule I by the said judgment within or beyond the State of West Bengal.

Accordingly, no reservation benefits will be granted to the concerned 114 classes in respect of the fresh vacancy for the Academic Year 2025 to 2026 in Loreto College, until further instructions are issued by competent authorities or higher judicial forums. All other applicants are advised to ensure the legal validity of their OBC certificates in view thereof.

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