

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

As per the report submitted by the Tamil Nadu Second Backward Classes Commission headed by Thiru J.A. Ambasankar in 1985, out of 27,05,960 people belonging to Muslim minorities in the State, 25,60,195 were included in the list of Backward Classes which works out to 94.61% of the total Muslim population of the State. Similarly, among Christian minorities, out of 31,91,988 of the total population, 24,69,519 were included in the list of Backward Classes and 78,675 in the list of Most Backward Classes which works out to 77.36% and 2.46%, respectively, of the total Christian population of the State. Compared to the total population of Christians, the Christians included in the list of Most Backward Classes is negligible. The Muslims and Christians included in the list of Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes are now availing the benefit of 30% and 20% reservation provided for Backward Classes and Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities, respectively, in admission to educational institutions including private educational institutions and appointments in services under the State under the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of seats in Educational Institutions and of appointments or posts in the Services under the State) Act, 1993 (Tamil Nadu Act 45 of 1994) and the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Reservation of seats in Private Educational Institutions) Act, 2006 (Tamil Nadu Act 12 of 2006). There has been consistent representations from the Christian and Muslim communities included in the list of Backward Classes for providing a separate reservation for them in admission to the said educational institutions, appointments in the services under the State as they could not compete with other communities in the list of Backward Classes so as to get their legitimate share. The issue of providing a separate reservation for the Christian and Muslim communities listed in the Backward Classes was considered by the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission for their recommendations. The said Commission has forwarded the recommendations to the Government in this regard. After examining the recommendations of the Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Commission, the Government have decided to provide a reservation for Backward Class Muslims and Backward Class Christians within the reservation provided for Backward Classes. Accordingly, the Tamil Nadu Backward Class Christians and Backward Class Muslims (Reservation of seats in Educational Institutions including Private Educational Institutions and of appointments or posts in the services under the State) Ordinance, 2007 (Tamil Nadu Ordinance 4 of 2007) was promulgated by the Governor on 12th September, 2007 and the same was published in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette Extraordinary*, dated the 15th September, 2007.

2. The Bill seeks to replace the said Ordinance.

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