

**Government of Andhra Pradesh  
Abstract**

Social Welfare – Scheduled Caste Converts to Christianity and Buddhism – Non – Statutory Concession available for Scheduled Castes – Extension to Converts from Scheduled Castes to Christianity and to Buddhism – Orders – Issued.

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G.O.Ms.No.341

**Social Welfare (PR )Department**

Dated: 30.08.1977

**Order:**

Representations have been received by Government from time to time requesting for the extension of the concessions granted to Scheduled Castes (Hindus) to Scheduled Castes Converted to Christianity and Buddhism on the ground that the scheduled castes converts also suffer from all the social disabilities as Scheduled Castes, irrespective of their conversion. At the state Harijan Conference held in April 1976 also, it was recommended that mere change of religion should not become a bar to Scheduled Castes persons from securing the benefits that they would have been eligible as Scheduled Castes, before conversion and, therefore, the Scheduled Castes converts should be given all the benefits they would have enjoyed before conversion to any other religion.

2. Government have carefully examined the matter in the light of the recommendations made by the State Harijan Conference and other relevant considerations. Government have decided to extended all the non-statutory concessions now available to Scheduled Castes (Hindus) to Scheduled Caste converts to Christianity and to Buddhism. Accordingly in suprecession of the orders issued in this behalf, Government direct that all non –statutory concessions granted to Scheduled Castes (Hindus) by the State Government including economic support schemes sanctioned by Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Castes Cooperative Finance Corporation be extended to Scheduled Castes converts to Christianity and to Buddhism.

3. However, the statutory concessions i.e., reservations in educational institutions and reservation in public services for scheduled castes are applicable only to scheduled castes with reference to the constitution (Scheduled Castes) order 1950. The Scheduled Castes converts to Christianity and Buddhism will not therefore be eligible for these facilities. The existing orders in this respect will continue.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

**S.R.Sankaran,  
Secretary to Government.**