



WBPSC LEVEL

Full Marks - 20

Time Allowed - 20 Minutes

## PAPER - ENGLISH

The figures in the margin indicate marks for each question.

Do not write your name, address etc. anywhere inside the answer book. Write X, Y, Z if necessary.

D1.

*Write a newspaper report on the delay in issuing caste and income certificates and how it is creating problems for students in admissions, scholarships and recruitment processes.*

*(Word limit: 180 words)*

## Delay in Issuing Certificates Hits Students and Job Aspirants

By A Staff Reporter

XYZ, 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2025: Students and job aspirants across West Bengal are facing serious difficulties due to prolonged delays in the issuance of caste and income certificates, which are mandatory for admissions, scholarships and recruitment processes. The situation has further worsened following recent state government orders involving changes in OBC category classification, under which some sub-communities were shifted from OBC-A to OBC-B, while others were moved from OBC-B to OBC-A, making fresh verification and revalidation of certificates necessary.

As a result, BDO and SDO offices across several districts have witnessed heavy rush and long queues, with lakhs of students approaching offices to update their category status before fixed deadlines for examinations, counselling and recruitment applications. Officials have cited increased workload, verification procedures and technical constraints as reasons for the delay. However, repeated visits have led to loss of time, money and academic focus, particularly for students from rural and economically weaker sections.

The uncertainty has raised fears of missed admissions, delayed scholarships and stalled recruitment processes. Student bodies have demanded time-bound issuance of certificates and extension of deadlines. Authorities have assured that steps are being taken to clear backlogs and streamline procedures to reduce further inconvenience.