Ministry of Home Affairs Letter No.13019/1/75-AP,
dated the 29th September, 1977, to the Andaman and Nicobar Islands,
Lakshdweep and Dadar & Nagar Haveli Administrations

Subject:—Percentages of reservation for Scheduled Tribes in appointments made by promotion in the services under the Union Territories of Lakshdweep, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Andaman & Nicobar Islands—Exchange of reserved vacancies.

I am directed to say that the question of introducing some measures with a view to raising the reservation available for Scheduled Tribes in posts filled by promotion in the services under the Union Territories of Lakshdweep, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Andaman & Nicobar Islands where there is a large population of Scheduled Tribes had been under consideration of the Government of India for some time. It has now been decided that while the prescribed percentages of reservation viz. 15% for Scheduled Castes and 7% for Scheduled Tribes in posts filled by promotion should continue to apply to promotion to posts/services under these Union Territories, the unutilised vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes in the respective categories of posts/services may be exchanged in favour of Scheduled Tribes every year, instead of only in the third year of carry-forward as at present. In case of the promotion by selection in or to Group B (Class II) and to the lowest rung of Group A (Class I) there is already a provision for unutilised reserved vacancies for Scheduled Castes being exchanged for Scheduled Tribes and vice-versa, vide O.M. No. 10/4/73-Estt(SC), dated 20-7-74.

In regard to the other categories of posts also filled by promotion in the services under these three Union Territory Administrations to which the scheme of reservation applies viz. (i) Groups B, C, D (Classes II, III & IV) posts filled by promotion through limited departmental competitive examinations, (ii) Groups C and D (Classes III & IV) posts filled by promotion on the basis of seniority subject to fitness, in grades or services in which the element of direct recruitment does not exceed 66-2/4%, the unutilised vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes in the respective categories of posts/services may be exchanged for Scheduled Tribes every year, instead of only in the third year of carry-forward; in these cases the period of carry-forward of the remaining unutilised reserved vacancies, if any after the exchange referred to above will still continue to be 3 years as before.