Ministry of Home Affairs O.M. No. 17016/1/76-SCT(I)
dated 8th April, 1976 to all Ministries etc.

Subject:—Question whether the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes can call for
original records and files in specific cases where complaints have been made to him and
whether Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe servants can write to him direct.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry Office Memorandum No. 8/2/69-SCT(I), dated 1-10-
1974 on the above subject addressed to all Ministries/Departments of the Government of India and to say that
this Ministry had been receiving requests for clarification whether the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe
Government employees may be permitted to write to the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled
Tribes direct on matters relating to appointments against the reserved quota without seeking prior permission
from the Departments concerned. It is clarified for general information that in such cases it is not necessary for
the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Government employees to seek prior permission of the concerned
administrative Ministries/Departments of the Government of India for sending their representations to the
Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes direct.