

**Ministry of Home Affairs O.M. No.1/7/62-SCT(I),  
dated the 24<sup>th</sup> September, 1962, to all Ministries/Departments, etc.**

*Subject* :—Reservation in services for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes—Instructions contained in the Brochure regarding—clarification whether posts reserved for Scheduled Tribes should, in the event of suitable Scheduled Tribe candidates not being available, be reserved for Scheduled Castes and *vice versa*.

In para 2 of this Ministry's Office Memorandum No. 42/32/53-NGS(SCT), dated the 7th December, 1954, it was stated that in the case of vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes, if a sufficient number of Scheduled Castes candidates was not available, the vacancies that remained unfilled could be treated as reserved for Scheduled Tribes and *vice versa*, subject to future adjustment. The Scheduled Areas and Scheduled Tribes Commission recommended that the existing orders of the Union Government which permit the appointment of Scheduled Castes candidates in the vacancies reserved for Scheduled Tribes, where suitable qualified candidates are not available, should be rescinded.

2. In view of the recommendation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission, the provision made earlier in the aforesaid O.M. of 7-12-54 in regard to treating of vacancies reserved for Scheduled Tribes as reserved for Scheduled Castes in case of non-availability of Scheduled Tribes and *vice versa* has not been included in the Brochure issued vide this Ministry's Office Memorandum No. 1/2/61-SCT(I), dated 27th April, 1962, and is, therefore, no longer in force. In other words, the position now is that vacancies reserved for Scheduled Tribes for which suitable Scheduled Tribes are not available cannot be treated as reserved for Scheduled Castes and *vice versa*. Vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for which candidates of the respective class are not available can be treated as unreserved in accordance with para 15—17 of the brochure referred to above.

Ministries may kindly bring the above clarification to the notice of all appointing authorities under them.

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