

**Ministry of Home Affairs Resolution No. 27/25/68-Estt. (SCT),  
dated the 25th March, 1970.**

The policy of the Government of India in regard to reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in posts and services under the Government of India was laid down in the Ministry of Home Affairs Resolution No. 42/21/49-NGS dated 13th September, 1950. The question of revising the percentages of reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in posts and services under Government of India in the light of the population of these communities as shown in the 1961 Census has been under the consideration of the Government for some time. It has now been decided in modification of the decisions contained in paras 2 and 4(1) of the Resolution dated 13th September, 1950 that the following reservations will hereafter be made for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in posts and services under the Government of India which are filled by direct recruitment:—

**Scheduled Castes:** Instead of the existing reservation of 12½% there will be a reservation of 15% of the vacancies in favour of Scheduled Castes, in posts filled by direct recruitment on an all India basis by open competition i.e. through the Union Public Service Commission or by means of open competitive tests held by any other authority. Where recruitment is made otherwise than by open competition, the existing reservation at 16⅓% of the vacancies in favour of Scheduled Castes will continue.

**Scheduled Tribes:** Both in recruitment by open competition and in recruitment made otherwise than by open competition to posts filled by direct recruitment on an all India basis, the reservation in favour of Scheduled Tribes will be 7½% as against the existing reservation of 5%.

2. In posts and services recruitment to which is made on a local or regional basis, the percentages of reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes shall be revised wherever necessary after taking into account the percentages of population of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the various States and Union Territories according to the 1961 Census.

3. The Government of India have also decided that in vacancies in posts filled by promotion in which reservations have been provided *vide* Ministry of Home Affairs Office Memorandum No. 1/12/67-Est(C) dated 11th July, 1968, the percentage of reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in such posts shall also be raised from 12½% to 15% in favour of Scheduled Castes and from 5 percent to 7½ per cent in favour of Scheduled Tribes.

4. These orders shall take effect from the date of issue of this Resolution, except where rules for a competitive examination have already been published or where selections for posts to be filled by direct recruitment or for posts to be filled by promotion have already been made prior to the issue of these orders.