

**Ministry of Home Affairs Letter No.13019/1/75-AP,
dated the 28th September, 1977, to the Chief Secretaries to the
Government of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram**

Subject :—Percentage of reservation for Scheduled Tribes in appointments made by direct recruitment and by promotion in the Services under the Union territories of Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram—Exchange of reserved vacancies.

I am directed to say that the question whether the reservations for Scheduled Tribes in direct recruitment to Group A (Class I) and Group B (Class II) posts/services under the Union Territory of Arunachal Pradesh where the vast majority of the population consists of Scheduled Tribes and there are no Scheduled Castes in the Union Territory could be enhanced had been raised at the meeting of the Home Minister's Advisory Committee on Arunachal Pradesh held on 16th November, 1974 when it was agreed that it should be examined whether the vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes could be utilised for Scheduled Tribes in the same year, instead of after 3 years. The matter has been examined and Government of India have now decided that as there is a large population of Scheduled Tribes in the Union Territories of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram and as Group A and B posts/services under these two Union Territories are also exempt from the purview of the Union Public Service Commission, while the prescribed percentages of reservation viz., 15% for Scheduled Castes and 7½% for Scheduled Tribes in direct recruitment on an all India basis by a open competition (and 16¾% for Scheduled Castes and 7½% for Scheduled Tribes in direct recruitment on an all India basis otherwise than by an open competition) should continue to apply to direct recruitment to Group A (Class I) and Group B (Class II) posts/services under these two Union Territories, the unutilised vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes in the respective categories of posts/services under the two Union Territory Administrations may be exchanged in favour of Scheduled Tribes every year, instead of only in the third year of carry-forward as under the existing instructions contained in para 3 of the Ministry of Home Affairs Office Memorandum No. 27/25/68-Estt.(SCT), dated 25-3-1970. 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.

2. It has also been decided by the Govt. of India that the same principle of exchanging every year the unutilised reserved vacancies for Scheduled Castes in favour of Scheduled Tribes, instead of only in the third year of carry-forward may be applied also to posts filled by promotion in the services of the Union Territories of Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram, to which the scheme of reservation in promotion applies. In the case of 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 every year, vide O.M. No. 10/41/73-Estt.(SCT), dated 20-7-74. In regard to the other categories of posts also filled by promotion in the services under these two U.T. Administrations, to which the scheme of reservation applies, i.e. in (i) groups B, C, D, (Classes II, III and IV) posts filled by promotion through limited departmental competitive examinations (ii) Groups C & D (Class III and IV) posts filled by promotion by selection; and (iii) Group A, B, C & D (Classes I, II, 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 in any, does not exceed 66¾%, 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 the 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.