

**Ministry of Home Affairs O.M. No.15/1/55 SCT,  
dated the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1955, to all Ministries/Departments, etc.**

In order to secure greater representation of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the public services, the maximum age-limit prescribed for appointment to a non-gazetted service or post was increased by five years in the case of candidates belonging to these Castes and Tribes *vide* Government of India. Ministry of Home Affairs Resolution No. 42/19/51-NGS, dated the 25th June, 1952. It has now been decided that this concession should be extended to appointments to gazetted posts in the Central Services. The application of these orders to recruitment to All-India Services is separately under consideration.

2. The above decision will take effect immediately. The Union Public Service Commission have agreed that where the advertisements issued by them require that applications from candidates should reach the Commission on a date falling within 15 days from the date of this Resolution, the last date for the receipt of applications from Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe candidates will be extended by two weeks. Other recruiting authorities for posts under the Government of India will also take similar action wherever necessary.