

**Department of Personnel and Training O. M. No.36011/3/84-Estt.(SCT),
dated the 1st July, 1985, to all the Ministries/Departments, etc.**

Subject :—Full exemption of fees payable by SC/ST candidates for admission to any recruitment examination/selection.

As the Ministry of Home Affairs etc. are aware, the fees prescribed for admission to any examination/ recruitment is to be reduced to one-fourth in the case of candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has, in its Second Annual Report for the year 1979-1980 had made the following recommendation.

Recommendation No. 423 (Para 9.186)

“The Commission recommend that full exemption of fees payable by the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates for admission to any recruitment examination/selection may be allowed in order to alleviate their financial difficulty.”

The above recommendation has been considered in this Ministry, in consultation with Ministry of Finance, and it has now been decided that in modification of the existing orders, the candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will not be required to pay and fees for admission to any recruitment examination/selection.

These orders take effect from 1st July, 1985. However, in respect of recruitment for which the notices/ advertisements have been published or would be published by the 30th June, 1985, the payment of fees shall be regulated in terms of the Ministry of Home Affairs resolution No. 42/21/49-NGS dated 13-9-1950.

Ministry of Home Affairs etc. are requested to bring the above contents to the notice of all concerned.
