

**Ministry of Home Affairs O.M. No.39/40/74-(SCT)(I),
dated the 30th September, 1974, to all Ministries/Departments, etc.**

Subject :—Reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in autonomous bodies/institutions.

The undersigned is directed to say that a suggestion was received from the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes that autonomous bodies, including Municipal Corporations, Co-operative institutions, universities, etc. should be asked to make reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the matter of employment in services under their control. He also suggested that if the word "State" occurring in Article 12 of the Constitution did not cover these bodies, the Constitution should be amended suitably.

2. The question was considered in consultation with the Ministry of Law and Justice with particular reference to the interpretation of the word "State" occurring in Article 12 of the Constitution. The opinion of the Ministry of Law that the word "State" in this article of the Constitution while covering the Municipal Corporations would not cover the other autonomous bodies, Co-operative Institutions Universities, etc. but it was not necessary to amend the Constitution as the purpose of making reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in such bodies could be achieved by making suitable provision in the relevant statute or in the Article of Association etc.

3. It is, therefore, requested that suitable action may kindly be taken under advice to this Ministry to provide reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the services of the autonomous bodies/institutions which are receiving grant-in-aid from the Government of India by making suitable provision in the relevant statutes or in the Article of the respective bodies
