

**Ministry of Home Affairs Letter No.U.15038/35/76-PLG,
dated the 20th December, 1976, to Union Territory Administrations**

Subject :—Dereservation of reserved vacancies in posts/services under the Union Territory Administrations—Procedure for.

In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated the 6th August, 1976, on the subject mentioned above, I am directed to say that in accordance with the existing instructions Ministries/Departments of the Central Government are required to obtain prior approval of the Department of Personal & Administrative Reforms for dereservation of vacancies (other than purely temporary vacancies) reserved for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes. No clear guidelines were hitherto available for dereservation of reserved vacancies in the Union Territories. It has now been decided, in consultation with the Department of Personnel & Administrative Reforms, that the following authorities shall exercise the powers of dereservation of reserved vacancies in posts/ services under the Union Territory Administration :

- (i) For vacancies in Class III (Group C) and Class IV (Group) :—
 - (a) in Chandigarh —Home Secretary
 - (b) in Dadra and Nagar Haveli —Collector
 - (c) in Lakshadweep —The Administrator
 - (d) in the case of all other Union Territories —Chief Secretary
- (ii) For vacancies in Class II (Group B) :—In all Union Territories—Administrator
- (iii) For vacancies in DANI Civil Service and DANI Police Service cadres—Ministry of Home Affairs.

Copies of orders dereserving vacancies issued by the above authorities should in all cases be endorsed to the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, R. K. Puram, New Delhi.

2. The powers to dereserve the vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in all Class I (Group A) posts/services under the Union Territory Government/Administrations, both where the appointing authority is the President or the Administrator, will be exercised by the Administrative Ministries concerned with the posts/services, in consultation with the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms. Copies of proposals for dereservation of vacancies in Class I (Group A) posts/services sent to the Administrative Ministries should be endorsed simultaneously to the Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The Administrative Ministries should wait for the views, if any of the Commissioner on such proposals for a fortnight and examine the proposals there after in the light of such views if received, before referring the proposals to the Department of personnel and Administrative Reforms.