



MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE
AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
INDIA
NEW DELHI

9, Safdarjung Road,
New Delhi-110011.

3rd December, 1979.

Respected Prime Minister,

Kindly recall your instructions that a draft Order should be drawn up for providing for Scheduled Tribes 25 per cent reservation in Class I and 25 per cent in Class II posts.

2. The Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms is administratively in charge of the proposal under the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961. The existing reservation in favour of Scheduled Tribes which is 7½ per cent is governed by O.Ms issued by that Department.

3. The reservations for Scheduled Tribes and the reservations for other classes of citizens taken together should be less than 50 per cent. Reservation to the extent of 25 per cent in the case of Scheduled Tribes may be regarded as unreasonable without corresponding increase of reservations in favour of Scheduled Castes. If a corresponding entry is made in the case of Scheduled Castes, then the reservations may exceed 50 per cent.

4. The subject of "Reservations" does not pertain to the Ministry of Law. You may kindly consider whether the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms may be instructed for taking necessary action.

5. The O.Ms as to reservations are in the nature of executive orders and that Department itself can have them modified suitably.

Yours sincerely,

Shri Charan Singh,
Prime Minister of India,
NEW DELHI.

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Most Immediate
Secret

D.O.No. 369/PM(R)/79



New Delhi,
D/ December 3, 1979

Dear Shri Chavan,

As you are aware, the question of 25 per cent reservation for Backward Classes in Central Class I & II Services has been engaging our attention for some time. The Backward Classes Commission, set up by the Union Government under Article 340 of the Constitution as early as 1955, had recommended certain percentage of jobs to be reserved for the backward classes. The State Governments of Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh had implemented the recommendations. But the Central Government had not proceeded in the matter.

I understand that administrative orders in this regard by the nodal Ministry i.e., the Home Ministry (Department of Personnel) would suffice (vide encl.) I enclose a self-contained note on the subject, which we may take up for discussion at the Cabinet meeting tomorrow.

I would have very much liked to discuss with you but after two days of hectic election tour, I am too tired to call on you today.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(CHARAN SINGH)

Shri Y.B. Chavan,
Deputy Prime Minister,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
NEW DELHI.

Secret

D.O. 1064/SF/1001/75



उपप्रधान मंत्री एवं गृह मंत्री भारत
DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
AND
HOME MINISTER, INDIA



New Delhi,
Dec. 5, 1979.

My dear Prime Minister,

PM
I have received your 'Secret' demi-official letter No.369/PM(R)/79 dated December 3, 1979, regarding the question of reservation for Backward Classes in Central Class I & II Services. We had discussed this subject earlier and at that time you had agreed that the consideration of the question should be deferred for the time being. Accordingly, I had given suitable directions on the relevant file. However, in pursuance of your letter, I am having the relevant papers sent to you.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Y.B. Chavan)

Shri Charan Singh,
Prime Minister,
New Delhi.

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