

The representation of Scheduled Castes in the services of this Corporation as on 1-1-1987 was 22.54 per cent and of Scheduled Tribe 00.31 per cent respectively. There is short fall in the representation of these communities in almost all the categories of staff mainly due to the reasons that requisite number of candidates with the prescribed qualifications are not available.

There is also a back-log in the promotional category as eligible departmental candidates fulfilling the prescribed experience/qualifications in the feeder categories are not available.

Majority of the posts lying vacant in the reserve quotas are of skilled categories like drivers, mechanics, technicians, etc. All out efforts are made, through repeated requests to the Employment Exchanges Press Advertisements to fill these posts. This is a continuing process.

#### Backlog of SCs/STs in Railways

3435. SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) since when the directive on reservations in recruitment and promotions in favour of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was made applicable in Railways;

(b) what is the backlog of reserved posts meant for scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribe candidates in various Railways as on 28 February, 1987 category-wise, and the reasons for this backlog;

(c) what efforts have been made during the last three years to fill this backlog; and

(d) whether Government propose to chalk out any time-bound programme to fill the backlog in 1987-88 and if not, how this backlog is proposed to be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Instructions in respect of reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were made applicable as under :

(i) posts filled by direct recruitment : 26.1.1950.

(ii) posts filled by promotion,

(a) by selection : 4.1.1957

(b) by competitive examination limited to departmental candidates in groups B, C and D : 11.7.1968

(c) by seniority cum suitability (all groups) : 27.11.1972

(b) The information in respect of category-wise backlog as on 28.2.87 is being collected from the zonal railways and production units etc. and will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

(c) and (d). Reservation rules are being followed strictly. As a result of strict observance of reservation rules, the representation of SC/ST in different groups of services as on 31.3.1986 has improved as under :

	31.3.1984		31.3.1986	
	SC	ST	SC	ST
1	2	3	4	5
Group A	598 (10.7%)	143 (2.5%)	735 (11.45%)	177 (2.76%)
Group B	869 (14.5%)	191 (3.2%)	935 (14.96%)	190 (3.04%)

	1	2	3	4	5
Group C	97452	22833		112680	30610
	(12.9%)	(3.0%)		(13.69%)	(3.72%)
Group D (Excluding Safaiwala)	137576	46313		132701	44067
	(17.7%)	(5.97%)		(18.28%)	(6.07%)
Group D (Including Safaiwala)	182731	47349		178568	45214
	(22.02%)	(5.70%)		(22.9%)	(5.8%)

A special drive has also been launched on all zonal railways from November 1986 to clear the backlog of SCs and STs both in recruitment and promotional categories in Group C and Group D posts.

#### Implementation of DRI Scheme in tribal belts

3436. SHRI NITYANANDA MISRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assessment has been made to see how the educational facilities, both financial or otherwise under DRI Scheme have been made available in the tribal belts of the Country with special reference to Orissa;

(b) if so, the findings of the study;

(c) the details of the areas where the scheme is not making the desired impact; and

(d) the steps taken to improve the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) According to available information, no assessment of the impact has been made under the DRI Scheme in Orissa.

(b) to (d). The question does not arise.

#### Financial assistance from UNESCO for eradication of illiteracy

3437. SHRI NITYANANDA MISRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of financial assistance received from the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation for schemes for eradication of illiteracy programme during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the utilisation of that amount amongst different States;

(c) the details of the results achieved; and

(d) whether the UNESCO Director General has visited India recently and if so, what was the outcome of his visit ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO) : (a) and (b). UNESCO does not provide any direct financial assistance as it is not a funding agency. UNESCO mainly provides a forum for exchange of ideas and experiences among Members States. However, UNESCO has provided limited financial assistance of US \$ 63,000 for the project 'Pilot Integrated Comprehensive Literacy and Civic Education for Women. Under the Project non-formal education centres for girls and adult education centres for women are being implemented in Lucknow district. In this project, US \$ 30,000 was released during 1985-86 and US \$ 20,207 during 1986-87.

(c) The project is under implementation.