

बिना रैंक में स्थायी पदोन्नति के लिए परस्पर बरिष्ठता की रखा की जाती है।

**Recognition to S.C. & S.T. and Backward Classes on a National Basis**

3883. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give recognition to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes on a national basis instead of State; and

(b) if so, the broad outlines thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI DHANIK LAL MANDAL): (a) and (b). According to the provisions of articles 341 and 342 of the Constitution, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been specified in relation to a State or Union territory. There is no proposal to amend these articles for making a provision for an all-India list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

Central Government have not drawn up any list of Backward Classes other than the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

**Declaration of Border Areas as Backward Area**

3884. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH SAYIAN WALA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some border areas in Punjab have been declared backward by Government because these border areas have always suffered in all the wars with Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether Ferozepur district is also included therein; and

(c) if not, reasons for the same?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI MORARJI DESAI): (a). Some areas in the border districts are declared backward by State Government but not due to the fact that these have suffered in wars.

(b) Part of it that is only Bet areas of Sulej has been included.

(c) Does not arise.

**Conversion of A.I.R. Station Alleppey into a Full-Fledged Station**

3885. SHRI V. M. SUDHEERAN:  
SHRI VAYALAR RAVI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation for improvement in AIR stations in Alleppey and Trichur;

(b) whether any proposal is pending before Government for conversion of Alleppey into a broadcasting station and when a final decision in the matter will be taken; and

(c) the proposals to improve the facilities and to introduce Yuv Vani programme at Trichur and the action taken on these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The question of converting the relaying station of Alleppey into a full-fledged broadcasting station was considered but had to be dropped from the Draft Sixth Plan in view of financial constraints.

(c) Trichur is already a full-fledged radio station and is originating programmes for about 5 hours daily. There is no proposal at present either to augment the facilities further or to introduce Yuv Vani programme at this station.