

dated the 14th October, 1955 page 127 of the Brochure of 1975 edition the Scheduled Tribe Community of Lakshadweep should get 99.7 per cent of the posts under direct recruitment,

(b) if so, whether the Ministry of Home Affairs has clearly directed the Administration *vide* letter 140/6/14-NL dated the 3rd July, 1978 addressed to the Administration banning the appointment of group (c) and (d) posts with non-scheduled Tribe candidates and instructed that such appointments should be made with local candidates only,

(c) whether Administration is not following the instructions and are still recruiting the candidates from outside these localities, and

(d) the main reasons for the same and action being taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS) (SHRI S D PATIL) (a) No Sr For direct recruitment to group C and D posts under the Lakshadweep Administration orders were issued prescribing a reservation of 45 per cent for Scheduled Tribes under OM No 1/3/72-Estt (SCT) dated 12-3-73 of the Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms

(b) to (d) under executive instructions issued in this Ministry's letter No 14016/14/74-ANL dated 3-5-75, as amended from time to time, direct recruitment to all group C and D posts under the Lakshadweep Administration except those in the Police Department, are to be made locally and non-local candidates are to be appointed only when qualified candidates are not available locally. These instructions are being adhered to by the Lakshadweep Administration and so the question of taking action does not arise

Help sought by Zambia for setting up Industrial Projects

9384. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) whether Zambia has sought help for setting up a number of industrial projects, and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI ABHA MAITI) (a) and (b) During the visit of the Zambia Minister of Industry and Commerce to India in connection with the All India Engineering Trade Fair in February, 1979 and the Commonwealth Industry Ministers meeting in March, 1979 opportunity was taken by him to discuss with the Union Minister of Industry areas of cooperation between the two countries relating to development of several industries in Zambia particularly small scale industries, steel rolling mill and paper/pulp project. Further negotiations would be held by the Zambian side in follow up for working out details of Indian cooperation in these projects.

Conference of Freedom Fighters in Delhi

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether a conference of freedom fighters was held in Delhi on 25th, 26th and 27th February, 1979:

(b) the total number of freedom fighting who participated therein;

(c) the details of the demands made by them in this conference, and

(d) the Government's policy in this regard and the action taken thereon?