

(b) what is the percentage of reservation for tribals;

(c) what is the number of back log vacancies; and

(d) what steps are being taken to fill those vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Allotment of Dealerships of Petrol and Petroleum Products to Tribal People**

10147. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number and percentage of the tribals whom the dealership of petrol, diesel, kerosene, Indane gas, fertilizer respectively has been offered;

(b) is there any reservation in giving the licence and dealership of the above mentioned products to the scheduled tribes; and

(c) if so, the percentage?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI H. N. BAHUGUNA): (a) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) According to the present Government policy guidelines issued to the public sector oil companies and fertilizer companies, 25 per cent of all dealerships/agencies are to be awarded to the persons belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

**Reservations for S.C. and S.T. in the cadre of Staff Artists of A.I.R. and Doordarshan**

10148. SHRI S. S. LAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND

BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any reservation is made in the recruitment of Scheduled Caste candidates in the cadre of Staff Artists in All India Radio and Doordarshan;

(b) if so, what is the strength of these candidates on these two media;

(c) is their representations according to the reservation quota, and

(d) if not, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI L. K. ADVANI): (a) The orders of reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are made applicable to the various categories of Staff Artists' posts except those of Musicians and Instrumentalists

(b) In All India Radio, the number of Scheduled Castes Staff Artists was 72, as on 31st December, 1977. In Doordarshan, the number of Scheduled Caste Staff Artists is 45.

(c) and (d) In All India Radio the orders of reservations for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were made applicable to certain categories of Staff Artists posts in November, 1970. Later in September 1976, these orders were extended to all the Staff Artists posts except to posts of Musicians and Instrumentalists. At present, the overall representation of Scheduled Castes candidates is not in proportion to the reservation quota as the orders regarding reservation do not apply to all the categories of Staff Artists and also because the orders were made applicable from September, 1976 only.

In Doordarshan, the orders of reservation to all the Staff Artists' posts except these falling in the categories of Musicians and Instrumentalists have been made applicable in December, 1978 only. Prior to that, the reservation orders were applicable to limited categories of posts only.