

Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Delhi

1678. Shri B. K. Gaikwad: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students in the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Delhi;

(b) the number of students from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no reservation for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(d) whether Government are aware that some Scheduled Caste students were refused admission this year?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain):

(a) 2nd Year, i.e., admitted in 1956	91
1st Year, i.e., admitted in 1957	105

Total . . . 196

(b) 2nd Year, i.e., admitted in 1956	1 (Scheduled Caste)	} Out of (a) above
	1 (Scheduled Tribe)	
	2	
1st Year, i.e., admitted in 1957	Nil (Scheduled Caste)	}
	2 (Scheduled Tribe)	

(c) There is no reservation as such for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Communities. But candidates found suitable from these communities are given preference at the time of admission.

(d) Yes; but these candidates were individually interviewed along with all other applicants by the Institute Council consisting of all the Heads of the Divisions of I.A.R.I., New Delhi, presided over by the Director and were found to be so low in the order of merit that they could not be admitted even after taking into consideration that they belonged to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Communities. These candidates were found to be of much below the minimum standard required of each can-

didate to enable him to follow the prescribed courses of study.

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1679. Shri B. K. Gaikwad: Will the Minister of Food and Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Government servants of grade I and II in the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Delhi;

(b) the number of Government servants from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in each of these grades; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the duly qualified Scheduled Caste candidates were refused admission in II Grade?

The Minister of Food and Agriculture (Shri A. P. Jain)

(a) Class I—52
Class II—90.

(b) Class I—1
Class II—Nil.

(c) No. Recruitment to all Class I and II posts at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute is made through the U.P.S.C. In all requisitions for such posts at the Institute it is provided that "other things being equal, preference will be given to Scheduled Castes/Tribes candidates."

Scheduled Tribe Railway Employees

1680. Shri S. C. Godsora: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state the number of Scheduled Tribes employed as Class IV in Railways in Chakradharpur District during the years 1950 to 1956 and in 1957 so far?

The Deputy Minister of Railways (Shri Shah Nawaz Khan):

Year	Number of Scheduled Tribes recruited
1950	31
1951	28
1952	35
1953	17
1954	50
1955	47
1956	104
1957 (so far)	71