

**SC & ST Inspectors of Post Offices/  
RMS**

2698. SHRI BHEEKABHAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Inspectors of Post offices/RMS in each Postal Circle in the P. & T. Department;

(b) what is the percentage of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, as mentioned at (a) above, in the Postal Wing;

(c) what is Government's policy to give adequate representation to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes working in the P. & T. Department (Postal Wing);

(d) is there any proposal to arrange special examination for the posts of Inspectors of Post Offices/RMS exclusively for SC/ST to give them representation; and

(e) the total number of posts at (a) above de-reserved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) & (d). Promotion to the cadre of Inspector Post Offices/Inspector Railway Mail Service is made through a competitive examination. Representation to Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes officials working in the P. & T. Department is given in respect of promotional posts including Inspector Post offices/Inspector Railway Mail Service, in accordance with the general orders issued by the Government. A lower qualifying standard for SC/ST candidates of 33% in each paper and 38% in aggregate as against 40% in each paper and 45% in aggregate for other community candidates has been prescribed for Inspectors of

Post Offices/Inspectors Railway Mail Service Examination so as to facilitate their recruitment in adequate number against the reserved vacancies. In case adequate number of SC/ST candidates do not qualify even according to the prescribed lower standard, it has been recently decided that the cases of failed candidates should be reviewed on the basis of confidential reports, overall performance in the examination etc., by a Committee of senior officers so as to assess their suitability/unsuitability. This measure has been taken to ensure that required number of SC/ST candidates are available and in view of this, it is felt, that there is no need to arrange for special examination for the purpose, at present.

(e) information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**SC & ST Junior Engineers/Assistant  
Engineers in P & T Department**

2699. SHRI BHEEKHABHAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Junior Engineers/Assistant Engineers in the Civil Wing of P & T Department;

(b) the percentage of Scheduled Castes and Tribes of Junior Engineers/Assistant Engineers in the Civil Wing of P & T Deptt.;

(c) the total number of posts de-reserved by the Civil Wing in the grade of Junior Engineers/Assistant Engineers in that wing;

(d) what is Government's policy to give full representation to SC & ST employees in the P & T Civil Wing in the above mentioned categories of staff; and

(e) the reason why adequate representation has not been given to S/Cs