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As the branches of Government Departments and various Attached Offices are spread throughout the country, it will be difficult and very expensive to get information regarding the newspapers and periodicals which they are subscribing to. The amount of time and labour involved in the collection of such information would not be commensurate with the information that can be gathered.

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

204. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Works, Housing and Supply be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2249 on the 17th September, 1958 and state:

(a) the posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether all the posts have been filled up;

(c) if not, the reasons for not filling them up so far; and

(d) the time by which they will be filled up?

The Minister of Works, Housing and Supply (Shri K. C. Reddy): (a)

(i) Assistants & Upper Division Clerks:

Reservations are made on the basis of total Government of India appointments and not Ministry-wise.

(ii) Lower Division Clerks:

26 posts for Scheduled Castes and 8 posts for Scheduled Tribes were reserved up to the end of 1957.

(b) (i) Scheduled Castes: Yes

(ii) Scheduled Tribes. No.

(c) 3 posts reserved for Scheduled Tribes could not be filled up on account of non-availability of suitable qualified candidates. These were filled up by candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes.

(d) In view of what is stated against (c) above it is difficult to forecast the probable time that will be taken to fill up the vacancies reserved for Scheduled Tribes.

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

205. Shri Daljit Singh: Will the Minister of Information and Broadcasting be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2248 on the 17th September, 1958 and state:

(a) the posts reserved for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether all the posts have been filled up;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the time by which they will be filled up?

The Minister of Information and Broadcasting (Dr. Keskar): (a) and (b).

	Total No.	Scheduled Castes	Scheduled Tribes	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
Assistants	178	11	..	A percentage of 12½ for Scheduled Castes and 5 for Scheduled Tribes has been reserved by Govt. for direct recruitment to these posts. The posts are filled by the Ministry of Home Affairs who control the Central Secretariat Service and that Ministry maintain the special representation quotas for these communities on the basis of the total strength of Assistants