

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4032  
ANSWERED ON:25.08.2004  
RESERVATION FOR SC/ST  
Athawale Shri Ramdas

**Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:**

- (a) date on which the provision of reservations made for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and the population of those communities at that time separately;
- (b) whether the Government have received any representations/complaints from social organizations/public representatives for raising the reservation limit according to the population of the SCs/STs;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS. (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI)

- (a): Instructions were issued for reservation for persons from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Central Government services on 21st September, 1947 and 13th September, 1950 respectively. As per the 1951 Census, the percentage of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the population of the country was 15.05% and 6.31% respectively.
- (b): Yes, Sir.
- (c): The representations from organizations like Anusuchit Jati, Janjati Karamachari Sangh have been received for prescribing percentage of reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in proportion to their population.
- (d): Reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in case of direct recruitment on all India basis has been fixed keeping in view the proportion of their population in the country, and in case of direct recruitment to Group C and Group D posts normally attracting candidates from a locality or a region, in proportion of their population in the respective States/Union Territories. However, reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes is so fixed that total reservation does not exceed the limit of 50%.