

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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SEPARATE CELL FOR SCS/STS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a separate cell is being operated to look after the service interests of SCs/STs in his Ministry;
- (b) if so, whether the Government plans to establish such cell in every State to safeguard the interests of SCs/STs;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) other measures proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

- (a): Yes. An SC/ST Cell has been set up in the Ministry to look after the service interests of SC/STs.
- (b) & (c): Special Cell have been set up in all the Departments, Attached and Subordinate Offices located at various States under this Ministry to safeguard the interests of SCs/STPs.
- (d): Policies laid down by the Department of Personnel & Training, which is nodal Department, are followed in the matter.