

a Sub-Division will be created as and when justified.

Filling up of SCs/STs Posts

*632. DR. BENGALI SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in each group lying vacant at present in his

Ministry and since when;

(b) the action being taken to fill up these vacancies; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) The number of posts reserved for SCs and STs in each group, lying vacant at present in Ministry of External Affairs is as follows:

GROUP	SC	ST	Since when lying vacant
1	2	3	4
A	—	—	—
B	1	6	3 from 1986, 2 from 1987 and 2 from 1988
C	5	3	From 1988
D	1	4	2 posts for STs since 1988, 2 posts for STs since 1989 and 1 for SC in 1990

(b) For Group B and C posts, vacancies have been conveyed to Department of Personnel and Training for filling them under the Special Recruitment Drive this year. For Group D posts, applications are being invited from eligible Casual Labourers working in the Ministry. If SC and ST candidates are not available among the Casual Labourers, requisition will be sent to the Employment Exchange for sponsoring SC and ST candidates.

(c) Does not apply

[English]

Portuguese Culture Central at Goa

*633. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be

pleased to state:

(a) whether the Portuguese Government has made a request for setting up a cultural centre at Goa under the aegis of the Portuguese Embassy;

(b) if so, whether the request has been agreed to by Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) to (c). The Portuguese Government has made a request for setting up a Cultural Centre at Goa within the ambit of Government of India's policy guidelines on operation of such centres. The matter is under discussion