PREFACE

A Brochure on Reservation for the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes is before you. It has two parts. The first part contains all the provisions of reservation in a consolidated form as applicable at present and the second part contains the Office Memoranda, Resolutions, Letters etc. on the subject issued, from time to time, by the Ministry of Home Affairs and this Department. Contents of some of the OMs were revised subsequently. Instructions which are not in operation are not included in part one of the Brochure. However, the OMs have been included in part two without making any change therein.

2. Reservation for the SCs, STs and OBCs in a grade, till the 1st July, 1997, was determined on the basis of vacancies arising in the grade. The system of reservation based on vacancies was replaced by the post based reservation by DOPT OM No. 36012/2/96-Estt(Res) dated 2nd July, 1997. The OM, however, did not prescribe formats for registers for maintaining reservation on the basis of revised instructions. This Brochure removes this deficiency. Instructions dated 02.07.1997 explain the method of determination of reservation quota by way of illustrations but it needed to be explained in a simple language. This requirement is met by this Brochure.

3. Part I of the Brochure is self contained and practically covers all aspects of reservation in Central Services. However, relevant OMs in Part-II should be referred to for all decisions

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