



# **CENSUS OF INDIA 1981**

## **LISTS OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES**

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## PREFACE

From 1951 Census onwards the census questionnaire contains items of enquiry to ascertain whether the respondent belongs to a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe and, if yes, the name of the Scheduled Caste/Tribe to which he belongs with a view to collecting information for discharging the Constitutional obligations towards these communities. In the Individual Slip (universal) adopted for 1981 Census, Question 9 makes an enquiry about the Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe status and Question 10 about the name of the specific Scheduled Caste/Tribe. Likewise, the Question 3 of the Household Schedule enquires whether the head of the household belongs to SC or ST and Question 4 the name of the Scheduled Caste/Tribe of the head of the household, if the answer to Question 3 is in the affirmative. The statutory lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are notified in pursuance of Articles 341 and 342 of the Constitution. The lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes were notified for the first time under the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 and the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950. These lists have been modified or amended or supplemented from time to time. On the reorganisation of the States, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Modification) Order came into force from 29th October, 1956. Thereafter, a few orders specifying Scheduled Castes/Tribes in respect of a few individual States also came into force. For instance, the Constitution (Jammu & Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order was issued in 1956, while the Constitution (Dadra & Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders were issued in 1962. In Uttar Pradesh the Scheduled Tribes were notified for the first time in 1967 vide the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) (Uttar Pradesh) Order, 1967. Likewise, the Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Castes Order was enforced in 1964. In case of Union Territory of Goa, Daman

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and Diu the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Order was issued in 1968. Likewise, the Constitution (Nagaland) Scheduled Tribes Order came into force in 1970. Recently, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976, has come into force. The main purpose of this Amendment Act was to remove area restrictions in respect of most of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes appended to this Act are materially the same as contained in the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Modification) Order, 1956. The only difference is that most of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are now notified throughout the State unlike in the 1956 Order where in most cases these were notified in relation to different regions of the State, resulting in area restrictions. The Amendment Act of 1976, did not include the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in respect of States/Union Territories like Chandigarh, Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir and Pondicherry which were not affected by the Act. This necessitated referring to different Acts and Orders for the purpose of ascertaining the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in different States and Union Territories. For instance, while in case of Andhra Pradesh, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976, is fully applicable in respect of Scheduled Castes as well as Scheduled Tribes, in case of Delhi, the 1956 (Modification) Order has to be referred to. Likewise, in case of Jammu & Kashmir, the Constitution (Jammu & Kashmir) Scheduled Castes Order, 1956 is relevant, while in case of Goa, Daman and Diu, the Constitution (Goa, Daman & Diu) Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Order 1968 is relevant. In a few cases a reference to different Acts and Orders is necessary for ascertaining the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the same state. For Uttar Pradesh, the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders (Amendment) Act, 1976, is relevant for Scheduled Castes only, while for the Scheduled Tribes a reference is required to be made to the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) (Uttar Pradesh) Order, 1967, which is still valid for the state.

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For the purposes of enumeration at the 1981 Census, it was felt that it will be useful to print a consolidated list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in respect of these States and Union Territories based on the relevant Acts and Orders for reference and use in the Census organisation.

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