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to time irrespective of the State/Union Territory in relation to which particular castes or tribes have been recognized as SCs/tribes. Thus for a reserved vacancy in a Central Govt. office located in a State, any SC candidate throughout the country would be eligible. Since Pondicherry is a Union Territory all orders regarding reservations for Scheduled Castes /tribes issued by the Department of Personnel in respect of posts/services under the Central Govt. are applicable to posts/services under the Pondicherry Admn. Also as such a SC/Tribe candidate from outside Pondicherry should also be eligible for a vacancy reserved for SCs/STs in the Union Territory Admn."

- (vii) Since Pondicherry is UT Administered by the President through the Lt. Governor appointed by him, all orders regarding reservation for SCs/STs issued by the department of Personnel in respect of post / services under the Central Government are applicable to posts / services under the Pondicherry Administration. As such the SCs/STs from outside Pondicherry should also be eligible for vacancies reserved for SCs/STs in the UT of Pondicherry.
- $V^{iji}$  ) The Govt. of India vide their letter dated 6/10/1995 had clarified to the UT Administration Pondicherry that a Central Government instructions apply mutatis, mutandis to all part 'C' of States ( now UTs) as well, so Pondicherry being UT services under the Administration will be open to al the SCs/ STs irrespective of their state of origin. The Govt. of India, Pondicherry has throughout been proceeding on the basis that being a UT all orders regarding reservations for SCs/STs in respect of posts /services under Central Government are applicable to posts/services under the **Pondicherry** Administration as well.