

the study was conducted 44 per cent were agricultural labourers, 29 per cent were non-agricultural labourers 8 per cent were small farmers, 6 per cent were marginal farmers, the remaining 13 per cent were engaged in other occupations. Against, of the total sample households 49 per cent were Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, 21 per cent belonged to other backward classes and 30 per cent were those belonging to other classes. Women accounted for 17 per cent of total beneficiaries. Thus, the socio-economic status of the beneficiaries indicated that the benefits of the programme were, by and large, going to categories for whom the programme was intended.

2. About 87 per cent of the selected beneficiaries got work within their villages and 9 per cent got work both inside and outside their villages. However, 4 per cent beneficiaries had reported that they got work only outside their villages and some of them were to walk a distance of 4 to 5 kms.
3. Employment under NREP during 1982-83 contributed 21.6 per cent to total employment of beneficiary households. Employment under NREP was provided mainly during lean months of the year when the rural households had little work otherwise.
4. About 80 per cent of the total employment under NREP during 1982-83 was shared by Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes who constituted about 70 per cent of the total sample beneficiaries.

5. In all the States where the Study was conducted there was an increase in total wage income of beneficiaries as compared to the years prior to NREP.

#### **Allocation to Andhra Pradesh for Backward Districts**

9730. SHRI B.N. REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the assistance given to the districts declared backward in Andhra Pradesh for development purpose during the Seventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) the results achieved during the period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as and when received.

#### **Youth Welfare**

9731. SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals from the Youth organisations for the betterment of the youth;

(b) if so, the main issues raised;

(c) the reaction of Government on those issues; and

(d) action plan drawn up, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.