

IBM PC compatibles as an alternate choice for the CLASS project, as PC compatibles are emerging as de-facto standard in the country. R&D efforts are being put in to enhance capability of these Personal Computer to handle Indian Languages. As the two microcomputer are not compatible, additional efforts would be required for porting the existing software.

At present, only SCL Microcomputers are being used for the CLASS project and these are maintained by CMC Ltd.

Upliftment of Labourers Living Below Poverty Line

4110. SHRI RAVI NARAYAN PANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- the percentage of labourers living below poverty line; and
- the steps being taken by the Union Government to improve their economic and social conditions particularly in tribal areas of Orissa and Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN): (a) Estimates of percentage of Labourers below poverty line are not available.

(b) Besides development programme included in the Plan, a number of Centrally Sponsored poverty alleviation programme are being implemented to improve the social and economic conditions of those living below the poverty line. These include the Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) in the rural areas, the Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) in the urban areas and the Scheme for the Rehabilitation of Bonded

Labour. There is also the Central sector scheme the Self-Employment Programme for the Urban Poor (SEPUP) in the urban areas. Further, Tribal Sub-Plan is being implemented in 17 States and 2 Union Territories including Orissa and Rajasthan, for the socio-economic development of Scheduled Tribes. The strategy of Tribal Sub-Plans is to provide a package of services to individual beneficiary families in such a manner as to meet their specific needs, raise their level of living and to give them income generating schemes to enable them to cross the poverty line and improve the quality of their life.

Adult Education Scheme

4111. SHRI BALVANT MANVAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

- the states where the adult education scheme are Central Government assistance;
- how many staff members of adult education scheme is covered under Central staff;
- whether there is uniformity of pay scales throughout the country for adult education personnel;
- the steps being taken for bringing about uniformity of pay scale for adult education personnel;
- whether Supreme Court have made any order in this regard with regard to Haryana States's adult education personnel; and
- if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) to (d). Personnel have been provided for different schemes of the adult