

S. No.	Name of State/UT.	1987-88
22.	West Bengal	63.81
23.	A & N Islands	20.54
24.	Arunchal Pradesh	58.63
25.	Chandigarh	4.78
26.	D & N Haveli	36.14
27.	Delhi	19.76
28.	Goa, Daman & Diu	5.33
29.	Mizoram	37.98
30.	Lakshadweep	4.02
31.	Pondicherry	5.59
Total		46.97

### Navodaya Vidyalayas

\*383. SHRIMATI MALINI BHAT-TACHARYA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the total education budget spent by the Government on opening of Navodaya Vidyalayas in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of children from below the poverty line admitted in Navodaya Vidyalayas during the above period, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to popularise the scheme among the rural poor and to get them admitted in the Navodaya Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The percentage of expenditure incurred on Navodaya Vidyalaya Scheme out of the total Central Budget on education during the last three years is as follows:

Year	Percentage
1988-89	5.01
1989-90	5.11
1990-91	5.86

(b) According to information gathered from 223 Navodaya Vidyalayas in 1989-90 about 40% of students came from families with an income below Rs. 6,000/- per annum.

(c) The scheme envisages admission in

Navodaya Vidyalayas of at least 75% children from rural areas. Wide publicity is given through various media to apprise children of the scheme to attract the talented ones from rural areas.

[*Translation*]

**Food Served on Board by Indian Airlines**

\*384. SHRIYASHWANTRAO PATIL:  
SHRI KARIA MUNDA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quality of food served on board by Indian Airlines is sub-standard;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have invited tenders on competitive basis in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to improve the quality of the food?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRIMADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Contracts for food served on Indian Airlines flights are finalised only on the basis of rates obtained against tender enquiries and subsequent price negotiations, as considered necessary.

(d) The following steps are taken by Indian Airlines to ensure the quality of food:

(i) Pre-flight quality checks and periodical inspection of catering establishments are undertaken by quali-

fied catering staff to ensure quality control;

(ii) Periodical inspection of caterers' establishment/units by medical officers of Indian Airlines is done to ensure maintenance of proper hygienic conditions in the areas where food is prepared, stored, preset and loaded;

(iii) Punitive action is taken against the caterers whenever deficiencies are noticed.

[*English*]

**Singing of National Anthem in Delhi Schools**

\*385. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Administration has directed all its schools to sing National Anthem before the beginning of classes;

(b) whether this direction has been implemented by all the schools; and

(c) if not, the action proposed to be taken to have this direction implemented?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information given by the Delhi Administration, no report regarding non-implementation of direction has been received by them.

(c) Does not arise.

**Direct Railway Line Between Humnabad and Hyderabad**

4059. SHRIRAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: