

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4. Gujarat	56.2	21.2	17.1	12.9	73.3	18.4
5. Haryana	13.5	11.7	4.7	11.7	18.2	11.6
6. Himachal Pradesh	4.4	9.7	0.1	2.4	4.5	9.2
7. Jammu & Kashmir	9.4	15.5	1.4	8.4	9.8	13.9
8. Karnataka	102.8	35.9	33.7	24.2	136.5	32.1
9. Kerala	37.4	16.4	11.6	19.3	49.0	17.0
10. Madhya Pradesh	194.0	41.5	30.9	21.3	224.9	36.7
11. Maharashtra	166.9	36.7	47.2	17.0	214.1	29.2
12. Orissa	124.2	48.3	10.9	24.1	135.1	44.7
13. Punjab	9.6	7.2	4.3	7.2	13.9	7.2
14. Rajasthan	80.5	26.0	19.0	19.4	99.5	24.4
15. Tamil Nadu	130.4	39.5	38.5	20.5	176.9	32.8
16. Uttar Pradesh	373.1	37.2	75.2	27.2	448.3	35.1
17. West Bengal	137.2	30.3	36.3	20.7	173.5	27.6
18. Small States & UT's	9.3	11.8	4.9	4.7	14.2	7.7
All India	1959.7	33.4	417.0	20.1	2376.7	29.9

Notes : (1) The above estimates are derived by using the poverty line of Rs.131.8 per capita per month for rural areas and 152.1 per capita per month for urban areas at 1987-88 prices, corresponding to the poverty lines of Rs.49.1 and Rs.56.6 respectively for 1973-74.

(2) The number of persons below poverty line relates to the population as on 1st March, 1988.

Autonomous Councils

1881. SHRI CHITTA BASU : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government proper to establish autonomous councils in Nagaland and Manipur;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in that direction, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SYED SIBTY RAZI) : (a) to (c). There is no proposal to establish autonomous councils in Nagaland. Six District Councils, created under the Manipur (Hill Areas) District Councils Act, 1971, exist in Manipur Presently.

Cultural Invasion

1882. SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH : Will the Minister of INFORMATIONS AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether he has expressed concern about the cultural invasion through the electronic media; and

(b) if so, the programmes initiated to preserve the Indian culture which has been badly changed by the electronic media?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) Yes, Sir. The need to preserve the Indian Values and culture in the face of challenges from the foreign electronic media was stressed.

(b) It is Doordarshan's constant endeavour to telecast programmes depicting Indian history, culture and traditions through programmes in various formats. Programmes like Jhansi Ki Rani, Akbar the Great,

Mahabharat, Surabhi, Hitopadesh (Serial in Sanskrit) etc. depicting Indian history and culture are presently on air. Besides this, news about art and culture is also telecast in the 'Art and Culture' capsule of the national evening news bulletins of Doordarshan from time to time.

[Translation]

Handicapped Girls Centres in U.P.

1883. DR. SAKSHIJI : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some centres (Viklang Balika Grih) are being run for handicapped girls in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Union Government are providing financial assistance to those centres; and

(d) if so, the financial assistance provided to each of these centres during each of the last three years and current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) to (b). Information is being collected from Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) No.

(d) Does not arise.

Central Grants for Welfare Scheme

1884. SHRI N.J. RATHVA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of proposals received by the