

Reservation on the Basis of Economic Backwardness

2316. SHRI SOM NATH RATH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether the Government are thinking of any further reservations of jobs on the basis of economic backwardness without altering the existing provisions of reservation as enshrined in the constitution ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND GRIEVANCES AND PENSION AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE (SHRI K P. SINGH DEO) : No, Sir.

Outlay for Centrally Sponsored Schemes for SCs/STs

2317. SHRI CHINTA MOHAN : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have approached for a large outlay for the Centrally Sponsored Schemes for SCs/STs under RLEGP and if so, details thereof and decision taken thereon;

(b) whether a request has also been received from Andhra Pradesh Government for increase in the outlay or Special Central Assistance for Tribal Sub-Plan; and

(c) whether Government would take early steps in view of the unsatisfactory performance of ongoing IRDP programmes and for ensuing early up-liftment of SCs/STs below the poverty line ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b). The Government of Andhra Pradesh had requested for increase in outlays for 1985-86 for Centrally sponsored schemes for SCs/STs and Special Central Assistance for Tribal sub-plan. On account of constraint of resources, it has not been possible to increase the outlays.

(c) The Government are aware of the positive aspects and deficiencies in the

IRD Programme, and steps are being taken to improve their implementation. As a matter of fact the Evaluation Report of PEO of the Planning Commission has shown that as against the 30% of minimum coverage laid down in the Programme, around 40% of the sample beneficiaries covered belonged to SCs/STs.

Incentives for Promotion of Smokeless Stoves

2318. DR. CHANDRA SHEKHAR TRIPATHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to give some incentives for the promotion of smokeless stove in the country; and

(b) if so, amount to be spent and the form of other incentives proposed to be given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVARJ V. PATIL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A sum of Rs. 5 crores has been allocated for the propagation of improved chulhas in the year 1985-86. The National Programme on Improved Chulhas is entirely funded by the Central Government. 100% subsidy on the hardware part of the fixed model of chulhas is available to all beneficiaries belonging to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and hilly areas. For other beneficiaries, the cost of such chulhas is subsidised to the extent of 50%. In addition, training programmes and installation fees are also provided as part of the project. For manufacturers of portable models, Central Excise exemption is available to models having an efficiency of 15% or more. The incentives being given at present are considered sufficient.

Maintenance of Tourist Offices Abroad

2319. SHRI MANVENDRA SINGH : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of expenditure incurred