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26.	(Silvasa) Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—
27.	(Delhi) Delhi	—
28.	(Panaji) Goa, Daman & Diu	—
29.	(Kavaratti) Lakshadweep	No prisons
30.	(Aizwal) Mizoram	7
31.	(Pondicherry) Pondicherry	—

Total		795

Population below poverty line

2820. SHRI DHARAMVIR SINGH TYAGI : Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item in the 'Times of India' dated 13 July, 1986 about a seminar held in New Delhi recently at which scholars have challenged the veracity of the official figure of 37 percent of the population being below the poverty line; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI A. K PANJA) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) The Seminar referred to in Part 'a' of the Question is the one entitled 'Right to Work' organised by Citizens for Democracy, Hind Mazdoor Sabha and some other Organisations. The Times of India, New Delhi edition dated 13th July, 1986 reported in this regard as follows :—

"Government data showed that only 37 percent of the population was below the poverty line. But, according to a study by Mr. Kansal, the figure was 45 percent."

In the Paper "A Note on the Incidence of Poverty and Consumption Inequality in India" by Dr. S. M. Kansal of the Indian Statistical Institute, New Delhi, the estimate of poverty at All India level for 1983 has been indicated as 40.9 percent and not 45 percent as reported in the news item in the "Times of India" dated 13th July, 1986. The estimate of All India poverty ratio made by the Planning Commission for 1983-84 was 37.4 percent. The difference in these two estimates is due to the difference in the methodology adopted.

Ban on organisations receiving foreign funds

2821. SHRI P. NAMGYAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have withdrawn the permission from 36 organisations for receiving monetary contributions