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| 10. Secretary (Planning), Government of Gujarat, Gandhinagar. | Member |
| 11. Secretary (Planning), Government of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal. | Member |
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| 13. Shri S. Sundararajan, Joint Secretary (State Plans), Planning Commission, New Delhi | Member |
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Evaluation of Work done to Raise the Socio Economic Status of SC/ST

3802. SHRI NITYANANDA MISRA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any evaluation has been made of the work done by different agencies to raise the socio-economic status of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other backward communities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) whether any special measures are proposed to banish poverty and ignorance from amongst these communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBALAH) :

(a) and (b) Selective evaluation of schemes such as utilisation of educational support to Scheduled Castes, participation of Scheduled Castes in economic programmes, untouchability with special reference to atrocities, rehabilitation projects for the benefit of Scheduled Castes and impact of I.R.D. Programmes and other developmental programmes on the Scheduled Castes, in respect of Scheduled Castes, and Co-operation (LAMPS), Ashram Schools, administrative structure in tribal areas, Integrated Tribal Development Projects, etc. in respect of Scheduled Tribes, have been taken up through selected organisations and some completed. The Tribal Research Institutes in the States conduct evaluation of tribal development programmes regularly.

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(c) Through the Special Component Plan strategy for the development of Scheduled Castes and Tribal sub-Plan strategy for the development of Scheduled Tribes, particularly in the context of the New 20 Point Programme the effort is to enable 5000 of the Scheduled Cast and Scheduled Tribes families cross the poverty line and to raise the level of their education during the Sixth Plan period.

Decline in Cost of Nuclear Power Generation

3803. SHRI B. V. DESAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that nuclear power generation cost in the country will decline further with the instalation of high capacity generating sets and reduction in the gestation period;

(b) whether the pressurised heavy water reactor technology which is the backbone of the future nucleared programme has the ability to supply power at competitive rates;

(c) if so, whether one of the important factors affecting the project schedule is the delayed delivery of major equipment; and

(d) measures taken by Govt. to get delivery of the major equipment for these power plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS, OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE