

**Socio-Economic Status of Women**

\*219. SHRI CHADA SURESH REDDY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have launched a special package of programmes for improving the socio-economic status of women, particularly those belonging to backward segments of society so as to ensure their effective participation in the economic process; and

(b) if so, the details thereof with financial allocations and target of beneficiaries to be covered under the package, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) With a view to creating awareness generation, convergence of services of various departments and encouraging income generation activities by women, Indira Mahila Yojana was launched in August 1995 on a pilot basis in 200 blocks.

An amount of Rs.12.20 crores was allocated for this scheme. There is no physical target under this scheme.

Government has also approved a new scheme in August 1998 called Rural Women's Development and Empowerment Project. This project has an outlay of Rs.191.21 crores for the next five years which includes revolving fund of Rs.5.00 crores.

A statement on the state-wise distribution of these funds is enclosed.

**Statement**

*The state-wise break up of the amount released as one time grant in the year 1995-96/1996-97 and the blocks assigned under Indira Mahila Yojana*

Sl. No.	Name of State/UT	Blocks assigned	Amount released (Rs. in lakh)	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	14	85.4	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	6.1	
3.	Assam	5	30.5	
4.	Bihar	20	122.0	
5.	Goa	1	6.1	
6.	Gujarat	10	61.0	
7.	Haryana	4	24.4	
8.	Himachal Pradesh	3	18.3	
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	2	12.2	
10.	Karnataka	10	61.0	
11.	Kerala	7	42.7	
12.	Madhya Pradesh	14	85.4	

1	2	3	4	5
13.	Maharashtra	16	97.6	
14.	Manipur	1	6.1	
15.	Meghalaya	1	6.1	
16.	Mizoram	1	6.1	
17.	Nagaland	1	6.1	
18.	Orissa	7	42.7	
19.	Punjab	5	30.5	
20.	Rajasthan	10	61.0	
21.	Sikkim	1	6.1	
22.	Tamilnadu	13	79.3	
23.	Tripura	1	6.1	
24.	Uttar Pradesh	30	183.0	
25.	West Bengal	14	85.4	
26.	Delhi	2	12.2	
27.	A & N Islands	1	6.1	Released in 1996-97
28.	Chandigarh	1	6.1	Released in 1996-97.
29.	D & N Haveli	1	6.1	
30.	Daman & Diu	1	6.1	
31.	Lakshadweep	1	6.1	Released in 1996-97.
32.	Pondicherry	1	6.1	
Total amount released in 1995-96			1201.7	
Total amount released in 1996-97			18.3	
Grand Total			1220.0	

**Statewise distribution of fund under Rural Women's Development and Empowerment Project.**

State/Unit	Approved outlay (Rs. in crores)
Bihar	18.68
Gujarat	31.18
Haryana	16.88
Karnataka	31.25
Madhya Pradesh	29.41
Uttar Pradesh	50.61
CPSU*	8.20
Revolving fund	5.00
<b>Totals :</b>	<b>191.21</b>

\*CPSU = Central Project Support Unit.