

Besides, exclusive State Plan programmes for upliftment of the standards of SCs and STs population are being implemented. Government have also set up Finance and Development Corporations for SCs

and STs as also OBCs to promote economic and developmental activities amongst the target groups by way of extending financial assistance at concessional rates.

### Statement

Percentage of Population below Poverty Line by States - 1993-94 (as per the Official Methodology)

S.No.	States	Rural		Urban	
		Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe	Scheduled Caste	Scheduled Tribe
1.	Andhra Pradesh	26.02	25.66	43.82	46.68
2.	Assam	45.38	41.44	14.34	7.11
3.	Bihar	70.66	69.45	55.16	35.76
4.	Gujarat	32.26	31.20	44.99	35.47
5.	Haryana	46.56	41.55	23.58	0.00
6.	Himachal Pradesh	36.89	63.94	18.52	0.00
7.	Karnataka	46.36	37.33	61.59	62.05
8.	Kerala	36.43	37.34	31.59	1.08
9.	Madhya Pradesh	45.83	56.69	65.00	65.28
10.	Maharashtra	51.64	50.58	52.56	61.06
11.	Orissa	48.95	71.26	47.45	64.85
12.	Punjab	22.08	27.00	27.96	0.00
13.	Rajasthan	38.38	46.23	48.63	13.21
14.	Tamilnadu	44.05	44.37	61.50	30.08
15.	Uttar Pradesh	58.99	37.11	58.02	36.89
16.	West Bengal	45.29	61.95	37.73	19.41
All-India		48.11	51.94	49.48	41.14

N.B. (i) The estimates are based on the methodology outlined in the Report of the Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor.

(ii) The poverty line for all population is used for Sc's and STs'.

(iii) All India poverty ratio is worked out from the NSS distribution of persons and (implicit) all-India poverty line.

[English]

### Navodaya Vidyalayas

99. SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has represented for setting up more Navodaya Vidyalayas in the State;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(c) the locations of the proposed Vidyalayas?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti has received a proposal from Government of Kerala for opening of a Navodaya Vidyalaya in District Wynad. It has been decided in principle to open a Navodaya Vidyalaya in District Wynad subject to provision of requisite physical facilities, as per norms of the Samiti, by the State Government.