The Sangathan constituted that staff council under the Joint Consultative Machinery on 2.2.88 with 4 seats to the teachers' associations as per approved constitution. The two teachers' associations were given 2 seats each provisionally, pending verification of their relative strength.

Written Answers

The All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association had represented against provisional allocation of two seats to each of the teachers' Associations and requested that the staff council should not be constituted until relative strength of the two teachers associations has been verified. After the verification of number of members with each association, the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has decided to allocate two seats each to A!I India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association and Rashtriya Kendriya Vidyalaya Adhyapak Sangh on the staff council of Joint Consultative Machinery.

Socio—Economic Profile of Students in Navodaya Vidyalayas

SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMA-*36. CHANDRAN: SHRI HET RAM:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any study has been made of the socio-economic profile of the students of Navodaya Vidyalayas;
 - (b) if so, the findings thereof; and
- (c) the number of Navodaya Vidyalayas functioning at present and their total student strength?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIP. SHIV SHANKER): (a) to (c). There are at present 256 Navodaya Vidyalayas with an enrolment of 34.227 students. Although no study as such has been made, data on some important aspects of the socio-economic status of the parents of students of Navodaya Vidyalayas established upto 30.4.1988 was collected by the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti which reveal as under:---

- (i) 80.7% students belong to rural areas and 19.3% are from urban areas.
- (ii) 18.7% are from the Scheduled Castes, and
 - (iii) 12% from the Scheduled Tribes.
 - (iv) The percentage of girls in 17.1%
- (v) 41% Parents of the students studying in Navodaya Vidyalayas have income upto Rs. 6,000 per annum, i.e. below the poverty line.
- (vi) 16% of the students are first generation learners and 70% come from families with no college education.

Amount Allocated to Kerala Under IRDP, RLEGP, NREP

*37. SHRI T. BASHEER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned for Kerala under the different poverty alleviation programmes like Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) and National Rural Employment