

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF SCHEMES FOR SC AND OBC COMMUNITIES

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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large proportion of the Scheduled Caste and Other Backward Class communities population still lives below the poverty line;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has reviewed the impact of schemes implemented for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes;
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is aware that in spite of various welfare schemes, no significant improvement has been noticed in economic conditions of people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes living below the poverty line;
- (f) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (g) the effective steps being taken or proposed to be taken to review these schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) The percentage of Scheduled Caste population below the poverty line, declined during 1993-1994 to 1999-2000, from 48.11% to 36.25% in rural areas and from 49.48% to 38.47% in Urban Areas. As regards Other Backward Classes, since there has been no census, therefore the data in respect of their number living below the poverty line is not available.

(c) to (g) The evaluation studies are got conducted to assess the impact of the Schemes of this Ministry. The decline in percentage of Scheduled Caste population below the poverty line during the period 1993-1994 to 1999-2000 is itself indicative of affirmative effect of the Schemes.