

## **Backward Classes**

10.73 Central assistance is being provided to the State Governments/UT Administrations for educational development of Other Backward Classes. Till 14.1.2005, Rs.22.12 crore under Post Matric Scholarship for OBCs and Rs.12.64 crore under Pre Matric Scholarship for OBCs have been released to

the State Governments/UT Administrations. For construction of hostels for OBC boys and girls, State Governments/UT Administrations/ NGOs have been released Rs.12.65 crore during the year. The Ministry also implemented programmes for various skill development of OBCs through voluntary organisations for which Rs.2.82 crore has been released till 14.1.2005.