

### **Other Backward Classes (OBC)**

10.75 Central assistance is provided to State Governments/UTs for educational development of OBCs. Till January 2006, Rs. 25.06 crore and Rs.19.20 crore had been released to States/UTs under Post-Matric Scholarships and Pre-Matric Scholarships for OBCs respectively. For construction of hostels for OBC boys and girls, Rs.10.72 crore had been released till January 2006 to State Governments/UTs/NGOs. The Ministry also

implemented programmes through voluntary organisations for various skill development of OBCs.

10.76 National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation extends credit facilities to persons living below double the poverty line for undertaking various income generating activities. During April-November 2005, the Corporation had disbursed Rs. 42.35 crore benefitting 33,241 persons.