

## INTRODUCTION

The Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes decided to undertake on-the-spot Study Tour during January-February, 1995 in connection with the examination of socio-economic condition of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and their representation in services and the schemes implemented for them under various heads in the states of West Bengal, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa.

2. The Committee decided to divide themselves into two Study Groups viz., Study Group-I and Study Group-II. Study Group-I visited Calcutta, Port Blair, Madras and Pondicherry and Study Group-II visited Nagpur, Ahmedabad, Bombay and Goa.

3. At Calcutta the Study Group held discussion with the Management of Hooghly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd. regarding representation of SCs and STs in services.

4. At Port Blair the Study Group held discussion with the Management of Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forest Plantation and Development Corporation Ltd. regarding representation of SCs and STs in services. The Study Group also held discussion with