

- 14. Has the State availed of the Central sector scheme of up-gradation of merit of ST students started in 1997-98? If not, why not? If yes, what benefits have been derived by ST students from remedial coaching? Please indicate in qualitative and quantitative terms.
- 15. Has the state been operating book bank scheme? If so, please mention its basis. What benefits have been derived therefrom.? Please indicate findings of independent evaluation studies, if any.
- 16. What special activities are organized in your state for ST students in primary, higher secondary and colleges including professional and technical institutions? Are these facilities adequate? If not, what other facilities would you suggest?

Scholarships and special incentives

- 17. Describe briefly the concessions granted to ST students at primary, middle, higher secondary, college and university stages in your state in regard to the following:
 - a) Examination fees
 - b) Tuition fees
 - c) Boarding and lodging
 - d) Free supply of books and stationery
 - e) Supply of uniforms
 - f) Any other concession

Are meritorious scholarships given to tribal girl students who secure 60 per cent and above marks in the middle school examination to enable them to pursue higher studies without any financial constraint?

- 18. Are there separate hostels for ST boys and girls in your state? Give details.
- 19. How many boys and girls hostels in your state are managed by government and by non-official agencies and what is the number of students at present in each of the hostels?
- 20. Has any evaluation been done in your state of hostels managed by the government and non-official agencies? If so, by whom? What are their findings?