

M/s. Westinghouse to arrive at a project proposal for setting up six reactors of 1208 MW each at Kovvada in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh. On emergence of a viable project proposal and accord of administrative approval and financial sanction by the Central Government, the commercial agreement will be signed with M/s. Westinghouse.

(c) According to the information provided by the US Government representatives and information available in the open sources, M/s Westinghouse has come out of bankruptcy in August 2018.

**Empowerment of women of socially and educationally
backward communities**

*57. DR. VIKAS MAHATME: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any report available accounting for literacy and employment rates amongst the women of socially and educationally backward communities; and

(b) whether there is any separate scheme/project which is functioning at present for empowering women belonging to socially and educationally mariginalized communities?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT): (a) As per National Survey Sample Organization (NSSO) report number 563 of the year 2010-11, the literacy data of Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) women is as follows:

All India (Per 1000 Persons)			
68 th Round (2011-12)			
Social Group	Rural	Urban	Rural+Urban
OBC Women	594	771	642

As per National Survey Sample Organisation (NSSO) report number 563 of the year 2010-11, the data of labour force participation indicative of the employment of Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) women is as follows:-

All India (Per 1000 Persons)			
Work population ratio according to usual status for different Social groups			
Social Group	Rural	Urban	Rural+Urban
OBC Women	239	151	216

(b) Under gender budgeting, provisions for women are kept in the Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes of the Ministry. The Scheme-wise details are enumerated below:—

- (a) 30% of funds are earmarked for OBC female students under Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme having family income upto 2.50 lakh and for Post-Matric scholarships students having family income upto 1.50 lakh.
- (b) 50% of the funds are earmarked for women students under the scheme of Dr. Ambedkar, Interest Subsidy on Educational Loans for Overseas Studies for Other Backward Classes for studies abroad for pursuing Master Degree. The students having annual family income less than ₹ 8.00 lakh are eligible for the Schemes.
- (c) 90% Central assistance is being provided to State Governments for construction of girls hostels under the Scheme of Construction of Hostels for OBC Girls. The students who do not belong to the 'Creamy layer' and are admitted for post matric studies are eligible for Hostels.
- (d) Under the Skill development programme implemented by the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation, 30% women OBCs applicants having annual family income of ₹ 3.5 lakh are covered.
- (e) One exclusive scheme for OBC women is there wherein 100% of the funds are earmarked under the Mahila Samriddhi Yojana and New Swamima Scheme for Women implemented by the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC). Members of Backward Classes having annual family income less than ₹ 3.00 lakh are eligible for the Schemes.
- (f) 30% of women entrepreneurs are assisted under the Venture Capital Fund for OBCs wherein loan upto ₹ 5.00 crore are provided at the subsidized interest rate of 7.75%.

Implementation of swadhargreh scheme

*58. DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has launched the SwadharGreh scheme to support women victims of difficult circumstances in need of institutional support for rehabilitation; and

(b) if so, what are the benefits intended under this scheme and what is the status of its implementation?