

includes 71,309 (75.68 per cent) Muslims, 15,855 (16.59 per cent) Christians, 5,271 (5.59 per cent) Sikhs, 268 (.28 per cent) Buddhists and one of the Parsi Community.

(c) Monitoring the performance of State channelising agencies, nomination of additional such agencies, strengthening of channelising agencies, involving NGOs directly for micro finance, capacity building of NGOs, focusing on artisans and craft persons, vocational training for skill development and dovetailing with other developmental agencies are the steps that have been taken to accelerate the work of NMDFC.

Extension of childline service to more cities

3055. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to extend the Childline Service to more cities and town;

(b) the number of cities where this facility is available;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to give more publicity to this facility so that more and more people can avail of this facility; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This service is available in 38 cities now.

(c) and (d) This Ministry is already giving wide publicity to this facility by extensively using radio, television, print and outdoor media for this purpose.