



**AN EVALUATION OF THE
HOUSING SCHEME FOR BACKWARD CLASSES
1971-1972**

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FOREWORD

The present report on the Evaluation of Backward Classes' Housing Programme is the seventh in the series of evaluation studies carried out by the Bureau of Economics, Statistics and Evaluation. The Government was keen to know the extent to which the programme had been able to achieve its objectives, and hence the Evaluation Advisory Board directed the Bureau to carry out an intensive evaluation of the said programme. The report attempts to study the benefits derived by the backward class communities of this Territory from this programme and also tries to know the overall impact the programme had on their living conditions. It is hoped that findings of the report will be helpful to the Social Welfare Department which is the agency implementing the programme, as well as to other organisations interested in the socio-economic development of the backward communities of this Territory. The purpose of the evaluation study will be served if the programme is toned up in the Fifth Five Year Plan in view of the findings of the report.

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P R E F A C E

According to the 1971 Census, about 21.5 percent of the country's population is comprised of the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes, which by no means can be considered as insignificant. In the Union Territory of Goa, Daman & Diu, however, the proportion of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is very low, being only 2.3 percent. Nevertheless, most of the schemes being implemented in the rest of the country for the Welfare of these backward communities are being implemented in this territory also. The present report deals with the evaluation of one of the important schemes for the welfare of these communities, i.e. Backward Classes' Housing Programme. This study was taken up at the instance of the Evaluation Advisory Board of this Govt. The detailed enquiry was taken up in the year 1972-73 and the draft report on the said enquiry was discussed and approved by the Evaluation Advisory Board in its meeting held on 9th October, 1973. Some very important suggestions made by the Board at this meeting have since been incorporated in the report.

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