

## CHAPTER-X

### MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- The population below poverty line declined substantially from 56.44% during 1973-74 to 21.80% during 2004-05. The decline was from 49.01% to 21.70% in urban India and from 56.44% to 21.80% in rural India during the respective years.
- The child mortality rate (0-4 years) declined from 19.5 in 2000 to 16.0 in 2007.
- The maternal mortality rate declined from 437 in 1991 to 254 during 2004-06.
- Forest area in the reporting area of land utilization increased from 14.24% during 1950-51 to 22.89% during 2006-07.
- The total telephones (fixed lines & wireless) increased from 0.08 million in 1948 to 413.85 million in Feb., 2009 – in case of fixed lines the increase was from 0.08 million to 37.73 million in the respective periods; in case of wireless phones, the increase was from 0.24 million in 2002 to 92.14 million in Feb. 2009 for CDMA and from 0.03 million in 1995 to 283.98 million in Feb. 2009 for cellular.
- The tele-density increased from 0.02% in 1948 to 35.65% in Feb., 2009.
- The number of telephones per square kilometer increased from 0.03 in 1948 to 20.70 in Feb. 2009.