

CHAPTER-XII

LOCAL BODIES

HIGHLIGHTS

- The total districts in the country increased from 507 in 1995 to 600 in 2005 and the blocks from 5428 to 5612 in the respective years.
- The participation of women increased in the three tier Panchayati Raj System over the period. The share of women in total elected members increased from 23-29% in 1999 to around 37% in 2006.