

# CHAPTER III

## Rural Population

The district wise rural population, as per the Census of India, 2001, is furnished in the Annexure. An analysis of the rural data presented in this Annexure reveals the following :

- I. Proportion of rural population to total population in India** : 72.18 %
- II. Districts which are completely rural (100 percent rural population)** : Given below

S.No.	District	State
1	Churachandpur	Manipur
2	The Dangs	Gujarat
3	Senapati	Manipur
4	Ukhrul	Manipur
5	Tamenglong	Manipur
6	Kinnaur	Himachal Pradesh
7	Lawngtlai	Mizoram
8	Nicobars	A & N Islands
9	Upper Siang	Arunachal Pradesh
10	Lahul & Spiti	Himachal Pradesh

- III. Number of districts which have equivalent or higher percentage of rural population than the national average of 72.18%** : 423
- IV. Number of districts which have lower percentage of rural population than the national average of 72.18%** : 170

**V. Distribution of districts by percentage of rural population** : Given below

S.No.	Percentage Range	Number of Districts	Percentage to total number of districts
1	Below 10	15	2.53
2	10 - 20	5	0.84
3	20 - 30	4	0.67
4	30 - 40	7	1.18
5	40 - 50	25	4.22
6	50 - 60	30	5.06
7	60 - 70	63	10.62
8	70 - 80	115	19.39
9	80 - 90	183	30.86
10	90 - 100	136	22.93
11	100%	10	1.69
	<b>Total</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**VI. Number of districts in which the proportion of rural population is less than 20%** : Given below

S.No.	District	State
1	Mumbai (Suburban)	Maharashtra
2	Kolkata	West Bengal
3	Chennai	Tamilnadu
4	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
5	Mumbai	Maharashtra
6	Central	Delhi
7	New Delhi	Delhi
8	Mahe	Pondicherry
9	Yanam	Pondicherry
10	East (Delhi)	Delhi
11	West (Delhi)	Delhi

12	North (Delhi)	Delhi
13	South (Delhi)	Delhi
14	North East (Delhi)	Delhi
15	North West (Delhi)	Delhi
15	Chandigarh	Chandigarh
17	Bangalore	Karnataka
18	South West	Delhi
19	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh
20	Ahmadabad	Gujarat

**VII. District having the highest rural population** : Medinipur (8626883)  
(West Bengal)

**VIII. District having the lowest rural population  
(excluding zero rural population)** : East (Delhi)  
(18223)

**IX. Distribution of districts by rural  
population range** : Given below

S.No.	Rural Population Range	No. of districts	Percentage to total
1	Below 1 lakh	42	7.1
2	1 - 3 lakh	45	7.6
3	3 - 5 lakh	39	6.6
4	5 - 10 lakh	139	23.4
5	10 - 15 lakh	147	24.8
6	15 - 20 lakh	68	11.5
7	20 - 25 lakh	51	8.6
8	25 - 30 lakh	34	5.7
9	30 - 35 lakh	17	2.9
10	35 lakh & above	11	1.9
<b>Total</b>		<b>593</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**X. Number of districts in which the rural population is at least 35 lakh : Given below**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>Rural Population</b>
1	Medinipur	West Bengal	8626883
2	South	West Bengal	5820469
3	Murshidabad	West Bengal	5133835
4	Bardhaman	West Bengal	4348466
5	North 24 Parganas	West Bengal	4083339
6	East Godavari	Andhra Pradesh	3749535
7	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh	3729320
8	Purba Champaran	Bihar	3688687
9	Azamgarh	Uttar Pradesh	3642615
10	Nadia	West Bengal	3625308
11	Jaunpur	Uttar Pradesh	3622268