

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 19.11.2009
ANSWERED ON
DEFINITION OF POOR .

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Shri Shivanand Tiwari

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is fact that a Committee was constituted to give suggestion to define the poor in the country under Chairmanship of Shri Suresh Tendulkar;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and name of other Members of said Committee along with the date on which it was constituted and the responsibilities given thereto;
- (c) whether the Committee has given its suggestion in regard to the responsibilities given thereto; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir, an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Prof. Suresh D. Tendulkar was constituted on 2nd December, 2005 by the Planning Commission to review the Methodology for Estimation of Poverty in the country. The Members of the Committee are as under;

1. Prof. Suresh D. Tendulkar, - Chairman Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
2. Dr. R. Radhakrishna, - Member Director, Indira Gandhi Instt. of Development Research – Mumbai.
3. Prof. Raghav Ghaia, - Member Faculty of Management Science, University of Delhi
4. Dr. Suranjan Sengupta, - Member Kolkata

Terms of Reference of the Committee are as follows ;

1. To examine the issues relating to the comparability of the 50th, 55th and 61st round, and to suggest methodologies for deriving such comparability with past and future surveys.
2. To review alternative conceptualizations of poverty, and the associated technical aspects of procedures of measurement and data base for empirical estimation including procedures for updating over time and across states.
3. In the light of (2), to recommend any changes in the existing procedures of official estimates of poverty.

(c): No, Sir

(d): Does not arise.