

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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IMPROVEMENT IN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN RURAL AREAS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the fact that benefit of development is not trickling down to all the villagers;
- (b) whether the level of poverty and unemployment have not come down in the country as per the target of Government;
- (c) whether the rural employment growth rate has stagnated after reaching a point;
- (d) whether the per capita consumption of foodgrains has come down on account of it; and
- (e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase the employment in rural areas sufficiently?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a) to (e) : The Ministry of Rural Development, inter alia, is implementing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), PradhanMantri Gram SadakYojana (PMGSY) and Indira AwaasYojana (IAY) in rural areas of the country through State Governments and UT Administrations. The objective of these programmes is to bring about overall improvement in the quality of life in rural areas through employment generation, development of rural infrastructure and provision of other basic amenities. As per the reports/returns received from the state governments/UT Administrations, the implementation of these programmes have been found to be satisfactory. Rural poverty ratio, rural unemployment ratio and rural average monthly per capita consumption expenditure (MPCE) for the year 2011-12 viz-a-viz 2004-05 are as following:

	2004-05	2011-12
Rural Poverty*	41.8%	25.7%
Rural Unemployment**	1.7%	1.7%
Rural average MPCE*** (in rupees)	579.17	1287.17

\*Planning commission estimates

\*\*Usual status (principal status +subsidiary status) unemployment estimates as per Employment-Unemployment Survey conducted by National Sample Survey Office.

\*\*\* Average rural MPCE Mixed Recall Period based on Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted by NSSO.

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