

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3146  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2018**

**DECLINE IN PEOPLE LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE**

3146. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a rapid decline in the number of people living Below Poverty Line in comparison to the past during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has recently fixed short and long term targets for alleviation of poverty; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING  
AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS**

**(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)**

(a) to (d) The official poverty estimates are based on data of Large Sample Surveys on Household Consumer Expenditure carried out by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. The latest data of Large Sample Survey on Household Consumer Expenditure has been collected by NSSO in its 68th round conducted in 2011-12. The poverty estimates for 2011-12 have been computed following the extant Tendulkar methodology and these have been released through a Press Note on 22nd July 2013. For 2011-12, the percentage of population living below poverty line has been estimated as 21.9 percent in the country. NSSO has not published any Large Sample Surveys on Household Consumer Expenditure after 2011-12, hence, the information on poverty ratio for last three is not available. Government has initiated several targeted schemes that aim to improve the quality of life of the people and reduce population below poverty line in the country through direct intervention by implementing specific poverty reduction and mitigation programmes. The schemes include Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation Mission (AMRUT), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY), National Health Mission (NHM), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyaan (SSA), Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS), Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDMS), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)/ National Food Security Act (NFSA), road connectivity through the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, Krishi Sinchai Yojana etc. The Government has committed to provide housing for all and double the farmer's income by 2022.

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