GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 630
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SCHEME FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION

630 # Shri Neeraj Dangi:

Will the Minister of Planning be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has started various new schemes for poverty alleviation in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether the number of families living below poverty line has come down in the country during the said duration; and

(c) if so, the details thereof**?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFAIRS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) Government has initiated several targeted schemes that aim to improve the quality of life of people and aimed at poverty alleviation in the country in the recent past. These include Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY), Solar Charkha Mission, National Nutrition Mission (NNM), Poshan Abhiyan, Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PM-SYM), Pradhan Mantri Karam Yogi Maandhan Yojana, Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi – PM Svanidhi, SBM-Rural, Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM AJAY), Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme, Jal Jeevan Mission, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana, Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood & Enterprise (SMILE), Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances and Education Scheme for Madrasas and Minorities.

(b) & (c) The erstwhile Planning Commission estimated poverty line and poverty ratio on the basis 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 last data of Large Sample Survey on Household Consumer Expenditure has been collected by NSSO in its 68th round conducted in 2011-12. Based on this data, the erstwhile Planning Commission estimated poverty lines and poverty ratio in 2011-12 following the extant Tendulkar Committee methodology and released through a Press Note issued on 22nd July 2013. According to this Press Note, the number of persons living below poverty line in India has been estimated as 27 crore in 2011-12.

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