

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 471**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2023

**POVERTY RATE IN URBAN AREAS**

471 # SMT. SEEMA DWIVEDI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the poverty rate has declined in the urban areas during the last year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of people and the reasons for the people living Below the Poverty Line as per the latest estimates; and
- (c) the details of the steps being taken and schemes related to it that are being run by Government to reduce urban poverty across the country?

**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 AFFAIRS

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- (a) & (b) 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 published by NSSO was for the 68<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013. According to this Press Note, the number of persons living below poverty line in India has been estimated to be 2697.83 Lakhs in 2011-12 which includes 531.25 Lakhs in urban areas. NITI Aayog has recently released a

Report titled “National Multidimensional Poverty Index: A Progress Review 2023”. The report estimates multidimensional poverty at the national, state and district levels in three dimensions viz. health, education and standard of living on the basis of a methodology developed by Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) that focuses on deprivation levels. The report is based on data taken from National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) 2019-21. As per the report, the multidimensional poverty in Urban areas has declined from 8.65% in 2015-16 to 5.27% in 2019-21.

- (c) Government has initiated several targeted schemes that aim to improve the quality of life of people and aimed at poverty alleviation in urban areas in the country, including Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Prime Minister Street Vendor’s AtmaNirbhar Nidhi – PM SVanidhi, Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna (PMGKAY), Skill India, Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Stand Up India Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PM-SYM) Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), etc.

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