

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 155**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025

INEQUALITY IN INCOME

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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the share of national income held by the richest 1 per cent of the country from 2014-15 till 2025-26, year-wise details;
- (b) the share of national income held by the richest 10 per cent in the country from 2014-15 till 2025-26, year-wise;
- (c) the share of national income held by the poorest 50 per cent in the country from 2014-15 till 2025-26, year-wise details; and
- (d) the monthly per capita expenditure by the richest 10 per cent and poorest 10 per cent in 2025?

**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 CULTURE [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]

(a) to (d): The data on income inequality is not compiled centrally. However, the estimates from Household Consumption Expenditure Survey conducted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) could be used as a proxy to capture the income inequality in terms of consumption expenditure. As per Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (HCES) 2023-24 conducted by MoSPI during August 2023- July 2024, the average Monthly Per Capita Expenditure (MPCE) of the top 10 percent (90-100%) and bottom 10 percent (0-10%) of the fractile classes for rural and urban sector are given in the table below:

Fractile Class	Average MPCE for 2023-24 (in Rs.)	
	Rural	Urban
Top 10 percent (90-100%)	8533	16563
Bottom 10 percent (0-10%)	1901	2734

Further, MoSPI annually publishes the 'National Accounts Statistics' which inter-alia includes the estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), National Income, etc.

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