

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2527
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.11.2016**

REPORT BY WORLD BANK

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of Poverty and Shared Prosperity report released by the World Bank;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken cognizance of the facts contained in the report;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the level of poverty in India as per the above World Bank report?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING
AND MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND
MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION**

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(a) to (c): The World Bank report titled “Ending Poverty and Sharing Prosperity 2016 : Taking on Inequality” provides trends in global poverty & shared prosperity including research in public policies and intervention that can make a difference for world’s poorest. The report takes a closer look at the role that inequality reduction plays in ending extreme poverty and improving the livelihoods of the poorest in every country.

(d) : The World Bank has used the international poverty line of US\$1.90 per person per day at 2011 Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) to measure poverty level in various countries. The report states that for 2011-12, India’s poverty rate using Uniform Reference Period (URP) consumption expenditure (30-day recall for consumption of both food & non-food items to measure expenditure) is 21.2 percent. It also mentions that the poverty rate for India based on Modified Mixed Reference Period (MMRP) consumption expenditure (which modifies the 30-day recall to a 7-day recall for some food items and to a 1-year recall for low-frequency non-food consumption items) translates to 12.4 percent for 2011-12.
