

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4193
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018**

BPL PEOPLE

4193. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than 70 per cent of the total population of people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) belongs to Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), Other Backward Classes (OBCs) and Minority communities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, category wise;
- (c) whether a number of working groups in their reports have recommended implementation of special programmes to uplift their economic conditions; and
- (d) if so, the details of the specific steps/action taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

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 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. 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. At present the number of persons living below poverty line in India has been estimated as 27 crore (21.92%) in 2011-12. The estimates of Poverty Ratio among social groups are given below :

Social Groups	Rural (%)	Urban (%)
	2011-12	2011-12
Scheduled Tribes	45.3	24.1
Scheduled Castes	31.5	21.7
Other Backward Castes	22.6	15.4
Others	15.5	8.2
All Population	25.7	13.7

The Government has initiated various measures to improve the quality of life of the people and to reduce poverty in the country through direct intervention by implementing specific poverty reduction and mitigation programmes viz., Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana (PMAY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana etc.