

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1360
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018**

ABSOLUTE POVERTY LINE

1360. SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE:
SHRI SANJAY DHOTRE:
SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the findings of NSSO Consumer Expenditure Survey 2017-18, which form the basis of calculations of absolute poverty, have been released by the Government;
- (b) if so, the main findings thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which such findings are likely to be released;
- (c) whether the Government has taken/ proposed to take care of the World Bank's suggestions of poverty line for 'the poor', 'lower middle income' and 'upper middle income' in the process of defining an absolute poverty line in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this direction?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING
AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS**

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (e) As per the information received from National Sample Survey Office of M/o Statistics and Programme Implementation the data collection work of Consumer Expenditure Survey 2017-18 has been completed in the month of June, 2018. After completing the activities of data processing, verification and validation, generation of results etc. the final results are expected to be released within a year i.e. by the end of June, 2019.