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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3323

TO BE ANSWERED ON AUGUST 07, 2018

BPL FAMILIES IN URBAN AREAS

No. 3323:   SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey across the country to identify the number of persons living below poverty line in urban areas;
(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which the said survey is likely to be conducted/completed;
(c) the criteria fixed for determining urban poverty; and
(d) whether the Government has considered the report of the experts committee constituted in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE
MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN AFFAIRS

(SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) to (d): Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) in urban areas conducted by respective State Government/UT Administration along with caste enumeration and rural survey has been completed. In the process, information regarding various individual particulars and household characteristics, viz., main source of income/earnings; housing/dwelling; amenities; assets etc., has been collected as per 'respondent based' questionnaire method, with Statutory Towns being considered urban and Census Towns being considered rural. Accordingly, in urban areas, data has been returned in respect of 299.99 million population (65.13 million household). Relevant SECC data corresponding to the questionnaire canvassed in urban areas is in public domain at http://secc.gov.in. Official estimates of poverty in terms of number and proportion of urban poor (2011-12) were released by erstwhile Planning Commission, which has since been restructured as NITI Aayog, in which the poverty line has been expressed in terms of monthly per capita consumption expenditure. SECC data would be utilized to target beneficiaries for various welfare programmes by different departments, which may have their own respective targeting criteria.

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