

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2306
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.12.2018**

SURVEY OF BPL POPULATION

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the year in which the latest survey in regard to BPL population was conducted in the country and the nature of shortcomings found therein along with the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (b) the number of persons identified as living Below Poverty Line (BPL), State and category-wise with socio-religious bifurcation;
- (c) whether the said survey was supposed to be conducted again after a certain period of time; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the said survey is likely to be conducted?

ANSWER

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

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(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. These surveys are normally conducted on quinquennial basis. 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 is given at Annexure –I and state-wise number of persons living below poverty line is given at Annexure – II.

Annexure-I

Social Groups	2011-12 (% of population)	
	Rural	Urban
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

Annexure-II

**Number of persons living below poverty line during 2011-12
(Tendulkar Methodology)**

S.No.	State	Number of persons (Lakhs)		
		Rural	Urban	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	61.8	17.0	78.8
2	Arunachal Pradesh	4.2	0.7	4.9
3	Assam	92.1	9.2	101.3
4	Bihar	320.4	37.8	358.2
5	Chhattisgarh	88.9	15.2	104.1
6	Delhi	0.5	16.5	17.0
7	Goa	0.4	0.4	0.8
8	Gujarat	75.4	26.9	102.2
9	Haryana	19.4	9.4	28.8
10	Himachal Pradesh	5.3	0.3	5.6
11	Jammu & Kashmir	10.7	2.5	13.3
12	Jharkhand	104.1	20.2	124.3
13	Karnataka	92.8	37.0	129.8
14	Kerala	15.5	8.5	23.9
15	Madhya Pradesh	191.0	43.1	234.1
16	Maharashtra	150.6	47.4	197.9
17	Manipur	7.4	2.8	10.2
18	Meghalaya	3.0	0.6	3.6
19	Mizoram	1.9	0.4	2.3
20	Nagaland	2.8	1.0	3.8
21	Odisha	126.1	12.4	138.5
22	Punjab	13.4	9.8	23.2
23	Rajasthan	84.2	18.7	102.9
24	Sikkim	0.4	0.1	0.5
25	Tamil Nadu	59.2	23.4	82.6
26	Tripura	4.5	0.8	5.2
27	Uttarakhand	8.2	3.4	11.6
28	Uttar Pradesh	479.4	118.8	598.2
29	West Bengal	141.1	43.8	185.0
30	Puducherry	0.7	0.6	1.2
31	All India	2166.6	531.2	2697.8