# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

## MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS

## LOK SABHA

## UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4250

## TO BE ANSWERED ON JULY 18, 2019

### POVERTY RATE IN URBAN AREAS

No. 4250.    SHRI DEVUSINH JESINGBHAI CHAUHAN:
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Will the Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs be pleased to state:-

(a) whether poverty rate in urban areas has declined over the years as per the estimates of NITI Aayog;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the number of people living below poverty line as per the latest estimates in this regard, State/UT-wise and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any International institution has suggested several measures to further reduce urban poverty in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the effective steps taken/being taken and schemes implemented by the Government to reduce urban poverty in the country?

### ANSWER

### THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS (SHRI HARDEEP SINGH PURI)

(a) & (b): The official poverty estimates are based on Large Sample Surveys on Household Consumer Expenditure carried out by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO). 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 the 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. According to this Press Note, the number of persons living below poverty line in urban area has been estimated as 5.31 crore (13.7%) in 2011-12. A statement showing number of people living below poverty line in urban areas, State/UT-wise, in 2011-12 is at Annexure.

(c) & (d): No such information is available in this Ministry.

(e) : The Government is implementing "Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)" to reduce poverty and vulnerability of urban poor households, on sustainable basis. Also, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) addresses the housing requirements of urban population including the urban poor. Other important schemes being implemented by the Government, *inter alia*, targeting urban poor, include Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Ayuashman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) etc. These schemes complement the schemes of the State/UT Governments being implemented to alleviate urban poverty.

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## State-wise Number and Percentage of Population below Poverty Line in Urban Areas in by States: 2011-12 (based on Tendulkar Methodology)

| States/UTs | Percentage of Persons | No. of Persons (lakhs) |
|---|---|---|
| **Andhra Pradesh** | 5.8 | 17.0 |
| **Arunachal Pradesh** | 20.3 | 0.7 |
| **Assam** | 20.5 | 9.2 |
| **Bihar** | 31.2 | 37.8 |
| **Chhattisgarh** | 24.8 | 15.2 |
| **Goa** | 4.1 | 0.4 |
| **Gujarat** | 10.1 | 26.9 |
| **Haryana** | 10.3 | 9.4 |
| **Himachal Pradesh** | 4.3 | 0.3 |
| **Jammu & Kashmir** | 7.2 | 2.5 |
| **Jharkhand** | 24.8 | 20.2 |
| **Karnataka** | 15.3 | 37.0 |
| **Kerala** | 5.0 | 8.5 |
| **Madhya Pradesh** | 21.0 | 43.1 |
| **Maharashtra** | 9.1 | 47.4 |
| **Manipur** | 32.6 | 2.8 |
| **Meghalaya** | 9.3 | 0.6 |
| **Mizoram** | 6.4 | 0.4 |
| **Nagaland** | 16.5 | 1.0 |
| **Odisha** | 17.3 | 12.4 |
| **Punjab** | 9.2 | 9.8 |
| **Rajasthan** | 10.7 | 18.7 |
| **Sikkim** | 3.7 | 0.1 |
| **Tamil Nadu** | 6.5 | 23.4 |
| **Tripura** | 7.4 | 0.8 |
| **Uttar Pradesh** | 26.1 | 118.8 |
| **Uttarakhand** | 10.5 | 3.4 |
| **West Bengal** | 14.7 | 43.8 |
| **A & N Islands** | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| **Chandigarh** | 22.3 | 2.3 |
| **D & N Haveli** | 15.4 | 0.3 |
| **Daman & Diu** | 12.6 | 0.3 |
| **Delhi** | 9.8 | 16.5 |
| **Lakshadweep** | 3.4 | 0.02 |
| **INDIA** | **13.7** | **531.2** |

**Source: Report of the Expert Group to review the Methodology for measurement of Poverty, Government of India, Planning Commission- June, 2014.**

Notes: 1. Population as on 1st march 2010 has been used for estimation number of persons below poverty line. (Interpolated between 2001 and 2011 population census). 2. Poverty line of Tamil Nadu is used for Andaman and Nicobar Islands. 3. Urban Poverty Line of Punjab is used for both rural and Urban areas of Chandigarh. 4.Poverty Line of Maharashtra is used for Dadra & Nagar Haveli. 5. Poverty Line of Goa is used for Daman & Diu and 6. Poverty Line of Kerala is used for Lakshadweep.

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