

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3588**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023  
**ASSESSMENT OF POVERTY**

†3588. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

SHRI RAMESH CHAND BIND:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the percentage of people living Below the Poverty Line (BPL) and if so, the details thereof along with the definition of the poverty line being used by the Government indicating the number of people found living under BPL during the last four years;
- (b) if not, the date on which the assessment of poverty made by the Government last time; and
- (c) whether the Government is planning to undertake an estimation for the present year and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS  
AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT  
CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

**(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)**

(a) to (c) The erstwhile Planning Commission estimated poverty line and poverty ratio on the basis of 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 last data of Large Sample Survey on Household Consumer Expenditure published by NSSO was for the 68<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013. According to this Press Note, the number of persons living below poverty line in India has been estimated to be 27 crore in 2011-12. The poverty line was defined on the basis of Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) as the criterion. For the year 2011-12, the poverty line at all India level has been estimated as Monthly Per-capita Consumption Expenditure of Rs. 816 for rural areas and Rs. 1000 for urban areas.

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