

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No.* 99
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023

ASSESSMENT OF POVERTY LINE

†*99. **MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:**

SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any task force has been constituted for assessment of Poverty Line in the country during the last five years;
- (b) if so, the details of assessment made by the said task force during the said period;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has any data regarding inequality of wealth among various income groups in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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 (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (E) OF LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. *99 FOR 26.07.2023 REGARDING “ASSESSMENT OF
POVERTY LINE” RAISED BY MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE AND SHRIMATI
NAVNEET RAVI RANA**

(a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) The Government is focused on addressing poverty and inequality through a targeted approach where specific schemes are designed to address levels of deprivation in various areas. NITI Aayog publishes a Multidimensional Poverty Index (MDPI) and released its second report titled “National Multidimensional Poverty Index: A Progress Review 2023”. The report estimates multidimensional poverty at the national, state and district levels in three dimensions viz. health, education and standard of living. The methodology for this has been developed by the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) that focuses on deprivation levels and is used by the UNDP to publish the global MDPI. NITI Aayog uses the same methodology. The report is based on data taken from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) 2019-21.

(d) No Sir.

(e) No Sir.
