

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 669
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023

POPULATION LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE

669. SHRI MAHESH SAHOO:
SHRIMATI SANGEETA AZAD:
SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of people living under Below Poverty Line(BPL) category in the country considering the present socio-economic conditions, State/UTwise and district-wise including Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and Assam;
- (b) the details of the population living below the poverty line over the past decade and the criteria fixed to assess this status along with the date of the recent official estimation;
- (c) whether there is a surge in the number of such population during the said period and if so, the details and reasons thereof and if not, the supplementary data in this regard;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for eradication of poverty and the upliftment of economically disadvantaged individuals in the present circumstances in the country including Assam; and
- (e) whether there is a plan to initiate a consumer expenditure survey in the year 2022-23?

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. Based on the

data of Large Sample Survey on Household Consumer Expenditure published by NSSO for the 68th round, the erstwhile Planning Commission estimated poverty lines and poverty ratio in 2011-12 following the extant Tendulkar Committee methodology. The result was released through a Press Note issued on 22nd July 2013. According to this Press Note, the number of persons living below poverty line in India has been estimated to be 27 crore (21.92%) 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. The State/UT-wise details of population (including Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and Assam) living below poverty line in the country as per the above Press Note is given at **Annexure**.

NITI Aayog released the National Multidimensional Poverty Index: A Progress Review 2023 on 17th July 2023 in partnership with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI). As per this report 13.5 crore people escaped "Multidimensional Poverty" between 2015-16 and 2019-21. A Steep decline has been reported in number of multidimensionally poor from 24.85% to 14.96% between 2015-16 and 2019-21.

- (d) Government of India is implementing several schemes, both Central sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes, for reducing poverty in the country including the state of Assam. Some of the schemes aim to directly benefit the citizens through Direct Benefit transfer of resources/ money while others intend to create enabling infrastructural provisions. These include Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (Mahatma Gandhi NREGS), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana – Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana– National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), Deen Dayal Upadhyay – Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna (PMGKAY), Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY), Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (SAGY), etc.
- (e) Yes Sir, the latest Survey on Household Consumption Expenditure (HCES): 2022-23 has been launched by M/o Statistics and Programme Implementation from August, 2022.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 669 FOR 06.12.2023 REGARDING POPULATION LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE BY SHRI MAHESH SAHOO: SHRIMATI SANGEETA AZAD: SHRI ABDUL KHALEQUE:

Number and Percentage of Population below poverty line by states - 2011-12

(Tendulkar Methodology)

S.No.	States	Rural		Urban		Total	
		% of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)	% of Persons	No. of Persons (lakhs)
1	Andhra Pradesh	10.96	61.80	5.81	16.98	9.20	78.78
2	Arunachal Pradesh	38.93	4.25	20.33	0.66	34.67	4.91
3	Assam	33.89	92.06	20.49	9.21	31.98	101.27
4	Bihar	34.06	320.40	31.23	37.75	33.74	358.15
5	Chhattisgarh	44.61	88.90	24.75	15.22	39.93	104.11
6	Delhi	12.92	0.50	9.84	16.46	9.91	16.96
7	Goa	6.81	0.37	4.09	0.38	5.09	0.75
8	Gujarat	21.54	75.35	10.14	26.88	16.63	102.23
9	Haryana	11.64	19.42	10.28	9.41	11.16	28.83
10	Himachal Pradesh	8.48	5.29	4.33	0.30	8.06	5.59
11	Jammu & Kashmir	11.54	10.73	7.20	2.53	10.35	13.27
12	Jharkhand	40.84	104.09	24.83	20.24	36.96	124.33
13	Karnataka	24.53	92.80	15.25	36.96	20.91	129.76
14	Kerala	9.14	15.48	4.97	8.46	7.05	23.95
15	Madhya Pradesh	35.74	190.95	21.00	43.10	31.65	234.06
16	Maharashtra	24.22	150.56	9.12	47.36	17.35	197.92
17	Manipur	38.80	7.45	32.59	2.78	36.89	10.22
18	Meghalaya	12.53	3.04	9.26	0.57	11.87	3.61
19	Mizoram	35.43	1.91	6.36	0.37	20.40	2.27
20	Nagaland	19.93	2.76	16.48	1.00	18.88	3.76
21	Odisha	35.69	126.14	17.29	12.39	32.59	138.53
22	Punjab	7.66	13.35	9.24	9.82	8.26	23.18
23	Rajasthan	16.05	84.19	10.69	18.73	14.71	102.92
24	Sikkim	9.85	0.45	3.66	0.06	8.19	0.51
25	Tamil Nadu	15.83	59.23	6.54	23.40	11.28	82.63
26	Tripura	16.53	4.49	7.42	0.75	14.05	5.24
27	Uttarakhand	11.62	8.25	10.48	3.35	11.26	11.60
28	Uttar Pradesh	30.40	479.35	26.06	118.84	29.43	598.19
29	West Bengal	22.52	141.14	14.66	43.83	19.98	184.98
30	Puducherry	17.06	0.69	6.30	0.55	9.69	1.24
31	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1.57	0.04	0.00	0.00	1.00	0.04
32	Chandigarh	1.64	0.004	22.31	2.34	21.81	2.35
33	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	62.59	1.15	15.38	0.28	39.31	1.43

34	Daman & Diu	0.00	0.00	12.62	0.26	9.86	0.26
35	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00	3.44	0.02	2.77	0.02
	All India	25.70	2166.58	13.70	531.25	21.92	2697.83

Notes: 1. Population as on 1st March 2012 has been used for estimating number of persons below poverty line. (2011 Census population extrapolated)

2. Poverty line of Tamil Nadu has been used for Andaman and Nicobar Island.
3. Urban Poverty Line of Punjab has been used for both rural and urban areas of Chandigarh.
4. Poverty Line of Maharashtra has been used for Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
5. Poverty line of Goa has been used for Daman & Diu.
6. Poverty Line of Kerala has been used for Lakshadweep.
