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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON DECEMBER 2, 2019

POPULATION LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether inflation is rising day by day and the Government's price control mechanism has failed completely;
- (b) if so, whether the number of poor people is increasing due to inflation; and
- (c) if so, the criteria for determining the poverty line along with the percentage of our population that comes under the category of poor people?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. The Consumer Price Index-Combined (CPI-C) Inflation for the last three years and of the current year up to October, 2019 may be seen in Table-1.

Table 1: Consumer Price Index-Combined (CPI-C) Inflation

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	April-October, 2019
<i>CPI-C Inflation (per cent)</i>	4.5	3.6	3.4	3.5

Source: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
