

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 644
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.11.2019**

ERADICATION OF POVERTY

644. SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any target for eradication of poverty in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the percentage of people lifted above the poverty line during the last Five Year Plan period?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING
AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a)to(c): The methodology for estimation of poverty followed by the erstwhile Planning Commission has been based on the recommendations made by experts in the field from time to time. In December, 2005, erstwhile Planning Commission constituted an Expert Group under the chairmanship of Prof. Suresh D.Tendulkar to review the methodology for estimation of poverty. The last poverty estimates which were released by the erstwhile Planning Commission were for the year 2011-12 as per the methodology recommended by Tendulkar Committee. The percentage of persons below the Poverty Line in 2011-12 has been estimated as 25.7% in rural areas, 13.7% in urban areas and 21.9% for the country as a whole. The respective ratios for the rural and urban areas were 41.8% and 25.7% and 37.2% for the country as a whole in 2004-05. It was 50.1% in rural areas, 31.8% in urban areas and 45.3% for the country as a whole in 1993-94. In 2011-12, India had 270 million persons below the Tendulkar Poverty Line as compared to 407 million in 2004-05, that is a reduction of 137 million persons over the seven year period.

The Central Government through its various Central Schemes/Initiatives, such as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalaya Yojana, Deendayal Antoyadaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Mission, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee National Rurban Mission, Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana aims to increase the livelihood and living conditions of the people.
