

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 3978**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2020

**ASSESSMENT OF POVERTY**

3978. SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL :  
SHRI ARUN SAO:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the NITI Aayog regularly reviews the system for assessment of poverty;
- (b) if so, the details of the review done during the last three years;
- (c) whether there is decline in the poverty in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the outcome of the above review; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**ANSWER**

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

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (e) The official poverty estimates are based on 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 latest data of Large Sample Survey on Household Consumer Expenditure has been collected by NSSO in its 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 as 27 crore in 2011-12.

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