

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 308
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.03.2021

DEFINITION OF POVERTY

†*308.SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a committee/task force was constituted for making changes in the definition and in the criteria of poverty;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the date on which the said task force was constituted along with the date on which the task force submitted its report; and
- (d) the reasons for delay in considering the said report?

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA
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RAISED BY SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI.**

(a) to (d): Pursuant to the decision taken in the first meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister on 8th February, 2015, a Task Force on Elimination of Poverty in India was constituted by NITI Aayog on 16th March, 2015 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Arvind Panagariya, former Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog.

The Task Force submitted its Report on 11th July, 2016. The Task Force *inter alia* recommended that the strategy for combating poverty must rest on two legs, namely sustained rapid growth that is also employment intensive and making anti-poverty programs more effective.

Government has been consistently taking initiatives towards ensuring sustained economic growth. The Government is also implementing a number of targeted programmes for overall balanced development in the country such as Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Stand-Up India Scheme etc.
