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LOK SABHA
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POVERTY DUE TO COVID-19

1210. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any data on the number of people in Andhra Pradesh who have fallen into poverty in the past years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to understand how many people have fallen into poverty since the start of the Covid-19 Pandemic;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to address the problem of poverty and to bring the people out of poverty?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b) The erstwhile Planning Commission (now NITI Aayog) defines and estimates poverty based on the 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 available data on poverty estimates is for 2011-12. According to it 78.78 lakh people in Andhra Pradesh are living below poverty line.

(c) & (d) No, Sir.

(e) For the development of rural areas through generation of employment, strengthening of livelihood opportunities, promoting of self-employment, skilling of rural youths, provision of social assistance and development of rural infrastructure, the Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Deen Dayal Upadhyay–Gramin Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY), Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana–Gramin (PMAY-G), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), Shyama Prasad Mukherjee National Rurban Mission (SPMRM) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). Further, recently, the Government has announced Rs 1.70 lakh crore relief package under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana for the poor to help them fight the battle against the pandemic.
