

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4169
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025

PEOPLE LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE

†4169. SHRI BHAUSAHEB RAJARAM WAKCHAURE:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people in the country especially in rural areas who have been brought above the poverty line during the last three years as on date, State and year-wise;
- (b) the estimated number of people living below the poverty line as on date;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to raise the standard of living of people living below the poverty line by formulating a scheme for them;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE

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- (a) to (e) In 2021, the Government of India developed a comprehensive index known as Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) to measure poverty that captures overlapping deprivations in dimensions such as health, education and standard of living, covering 12 indicators. It measures both the share of people in poverty and the degree to which they are deprived. The second edition of the index was released in 2023. As per the latest National MPI Report, 2023 released by NITI Aayog, the proportion of population in multidimensional poverty declined from 24.85% to 14.96% between 2015-16 and 2019-21, indicating that about 135.5 million persons have escaped poverty during the period. The fastest decline is witnessed in the percentage of multidimensional poor in rural areas

from 32.59 % in 2015-16 to 19.28 % in 2019-21. The State/UT-wise and sector-wise details of MPI are in public domain and can be accessed at [https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2021-11/National MPI India-11242021.pdf](https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2021-11/National_MPI_India-11242021.pdf) and <https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023-08/India-National-Multidimensional-Poverty-Index-2023.pdf> .

The Government has launched various schemes to reduce multidimensional poverty, which, inter alia, include Saksham Anganwadi & POSHAN 2.0, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN), Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan, Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya), PM Ujjwala Yojana, Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), PM Vishwakarma, etc.
