

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5223
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MEASURES TO UPLIFT ECONOMICALLY VULNERABLE POPULATION

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any measures are being taken by the Government to address the issue of 34% of Indians surviving on less than Rs. 100 a day;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the specific plans with the Ministry to uplift economically vulnerable population particularly in Telangana and improve their access to sustainable livelihoods?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a) & (b): The Government has launched various schemes / initiatives to reduce multidimensional poverty as also to improve the livelihood of economically vulnerable population, which, inter alia, include (i) Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), (ii) Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN), (iii) Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana for upliftment of urban poor, (iv) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) for guaranteed employment of 100 days in a year, (v) PM Awas Yojana – Urban (PMAY-U), (vi) PM Awas Yojana- Gramin (PMAY-G), (vii) Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY) for health, (viii) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) for life and disability, (ix) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) for accidental insurance, (x) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PM-SYM) for old age pension, (xi) Saksham Anganwadi & POSHAN 2.0, (xii) Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan, (xiii) Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (Saubhagya), (xiv) PM Ujjwala Yojana, (xv) Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), (xvi) Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), (xvii) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), (xviii) PM Vishwakarma, etc.

(c): The Central Government, in order to remove the financial burden of the economically vulnerable population, is providing food grains free of cost to Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority House Holds (PHH) beneficiaries, under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). In the State of Telangana, 191.70 lakh beneficiaries are covered under the Scheme. Under the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC), pan Indian access to all beneficiaries to take delivery of food grains from any FPS at uniform entitlement and price across the country is provided. Furthermore, to combat anaemia and other micronutrient deficiencies, the Government of India is supplying fortified rice through the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) Scheme, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme and in Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) in all States and Union Territories (UTs). The initiative aims to provide fortified rice to vulnerable population, enriched with essential micronutrients such as iron, folic acid, and vitamin B12, to tackle micronutrient deficiencies, particularly anemia.
