

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1641**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025

**INDIA AS LOWER MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRY**

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has categorised India as a Lower Middle Income Country (LMIC) for the purpose of calculating the poverty and the poverty line is Rs. 4.20 per day per person; and
- (b) if so, the according to such categorization, the details of poverty rate and the number as in 2011-12 and 2022-23 in rural and urban in India, State-wise?

**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) The World Bank has recently revised the international poverty lines and set the threshold for lower-middle-income countries (LMICs) at \$4.20 per day, based on 2021 Purchasing Power Parities (PPPs). India is currently classified as an LMIC.

- (b) According to the report, India's poverty rates are as given below:

	% of population below poverty line			
	2017 PPP		2021 PPP	
	Extreme Poverty \$2.15 per day (2017 PPP)	LMIC poverty \$3.65 per day (2017 PPP)	Extreme poverty \$3.00 per day (2021 PPP)	LMIC poverty \$4.20 per day (2021 PPP)
<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>28.1%</b>	<b>5.3%</b>	<b>23.9%</b>
<b>2011-12</b>	16.2%	61.8%	27.1%	57.7%

	% of population below poverty line							
	2017 PPP							
	Extreme Poverty \$2.15 per day				LMIC poverty \$3.65 per day			
Year	Rural	Urban	Total	No. of people lifted out of poverty	Rural	Urban	Total	No. of people lifted out of poverty
<b>2022-23</b>	2.8	1.1	2.3	171 million	32.5	17.2	28.1	378 million
<b>2011-12</b>	18.4	10.7	16.2		69	43.5	61.8	

The detailed documents are in public domain and can be accessed at  
<https://documents1.worldbank.org/curated/en/099722104222534584/pdf/IDU-25f34333-d3a3-44ae-8268-86830e3bc5a5.pdf>  
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