

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 823
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026**

PEOPLE LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE

823. SHRI KHALILUR RAHAMAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of people living under Below Poverty Line (BPL) category in the country, State/UT-wise;**
- (b) the date on which the last estimation of BPL category was done;**
- (c) whether there is an increase in the number and percentage of BPL population when last estimation is compared to the previous estimation and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the criterion for considering a person in the BPL category; and**
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to uplift the people from the BPL category?**

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 THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE**

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(a) to (d): In 2021, the Government of India developed a comprehensive index known as the National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) to measure poverty that captures overlapping deprivations in dimensions such as health, education and standard of living, covering 12 indicators. The second edition of the index was released in 2023. As per the National Multidimensional Poverty

Index: A Progress Review 2023 released by NITI Aayog, the proportion of population in multidimensional poverty declined from 24.85 per cent in 2015-16 to 14.96 per cent in 2019-21, indicating that about 13.5 crore people have escaped poverty during the period. Further, as per the discussion paper “Multidimensional Poverty in India since 2005-06” published by NITI Aayog, multidimensional poverty in India is estimated to have declined from 29.17 per cent in 2013-14 to 11.28 per cent in 2022-23, indicating that about 24.82 crore people have escaped poverty during this period. The details of the same are in the public domain and can be accessed at: <https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2023-08/India-National-Multidimensional-Poverty-Index-2023.pdf>
https://www.niti.gov.in/sites/default/files/2024-01/MPI-22_NITI-Aayog20254.pdf

(e) 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) and PM Vishwakarma, etc.
