

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 160*
TO BE ANSWERED ON MAY 04, 2016

URBAN POVERTY

No. 160* SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:
DR VIRENDRA KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) the estimated population living below poverty line in urban areas;
- (b) whether any survey has been conducted recently to ascertain the number of urban poor and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any comprehensive scheme has been prepared and implemented for urban poverty alleviation;
- (d) if so, whether these schemes have not been successful in controlling urban poverty; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not the reason therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
[SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU]

- (a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 160* REGARDING "Urban Poverty" RAISED BY SHRI GOPAL SHETTY AND DR VIRENDRA KUMAR FOR ANSWER ON MAY 4, 2016.

(a) As per the Poverty Estimates 2011-12 released by erstwhile Planning Commission, the number of persons living below poverty line in urban areas in 2011-12 was 531.25 lakhs.

(b) A survey to collect data regarding individual and household particulars in urban areas was conducted along with caste enumeration and rural BPL survey by respective State Government/UT Administration as combined Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC).

(c) Yes Madam. This Ministry is implementing "Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)" to reduce poverty and vulnerability of urban poor households by enabling them to access gainful self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities for improvement in their livelihoods on a sustainable basis. The Scheme also has provision for Shelters for urban homeless and infrastructure facilities for street vendors.

(d) & (e): Under DAY-NULM, substantial assistance has been provided to urban poor for improving their livelihoods. Since 2014-15, 4,00,514 persons have been provided skill training, 85,502 beneficiaries have been assisted for setting up individual or group micro-enterprises, 1,00,431 Self-Help Groups (SHG) have been formed, 52,487 SHGs have been given Revolving Fund and 89,752 SHGs have been disbursed loans under SHG Bank Linkage Programme.

