[Translation]

Per Capita Income

- 469. SHRI MOOL CHAND DAGA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:
- (a) whether one of the aims of the plans formulated/implemented in the country was to reduce economic disparity;
- (b) the minimum and the maximum per capita average income at the end of the First Five Year Plan and at present;
- (c) whether it is a fact that during these years the rich became richer while poor became poorer; and
 - (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A. K. PUNJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Annual per capita income i.e. the Annual Per Capita Net National Product, at all India level at the end of the First Plan period and in 1983-84 (Quick estimates for the latest year avilable) at current and 1970-71 prices are as follows:

Year	Annual Per Capita Income (In Rs.) at all India level			
	Current prices	At 1970-71	prices	
1955-66	236	5	508	
1983-84	2201	7	749	
(Quick es	stimates)			

(c) and (d). Does not arise.

[English]

Person below Poverty Line

470. PROF. RAMKRISHAN MORE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of people in urban areas living below poverty line

and how does the figure compare with those living below poverty line in rural areas in various States in terms of percentage of the total population of the State concerned;

- (b) whether any anti-poverty programmes for the urban areas have been taken up by Government so far, if so, the details there-of stating the results achieved:
- (c) if not, whether Government propose to extend the anti-poverty programmes for rural areas to the urban areas such as IRDP and the like to eliminate urban poverty; and
- (d) if so, steps taken Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI A. K. PANJA): (a) The National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) has conducted quinquennial Household Consumer Expenditure 1972-73 (27th Survey in Round). 1977-78 (32nd Round) and 1983 (38th The reports on these surveys give consumption level for different items by Expenditure class and also the number Households with their composition by Expenditure class. The results contained in the reports have been utilised by the Planning Commission for the estimation of percentage and number of people below the poverty line. Based on the 1983 NSSO Survey (the latest available), the number and percentage of people below the poverty line in 1983-84 (Provisional) by States with Rural/Urban break-up are given in the statement at given below:

(b) to (d). There is no specific poverty alleviation programmes being implemented for the Urban Poor. However, there is one scheme, viz. 'Environmental Improvement of Slums' in the Stane Sector, being implemented by various State Governments/Union Territories Administrations, intended to improve the quality of life of the slum dwellers by providing electricity, sewerage facilities etc. During the Sixth Five Year Plan about 8.8 million persons were benefitted under this scheme and it is proposed to cover 9.0 million slum dwellers in the Seventh Five Year Plan under this scheme.