

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6

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PEOPLE LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE IN KARNATAKA

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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government of Karnataka has launched a door to door survey to identify the people below poverty line following the Supreme Court's direction in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the number of people identified under BPL in the State;
- (c) whether his Ministry and Panchayati Raj Institutions had conducted a similar survey in 1997-98, which revealed that there were 21 lakh BPL families in the State;
- (d) if so, the latest position in this regard; and
- (e) the action taken or proposed to be taken against those for furnishing false information in 1997-98 survey ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT ( SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

- (a) & (b) : The Government of Karnataka has initiated a door to door survey to identify the people below poverty line. This on-going survey is to be completed before 22nd March 2002.
- (c): The Ministry of Rural Development, through the State Governments/UT Administrations, had initiated a BPL Census in the rural areas of the country during the year 1997. As per this Census, there were 22.03 lakh BPL families in Karnataka.
- (d): The Ministry of Rural Development propose to conduct another BPL Census in the rural areas of the country during the year 2002.
- (e): The States/UTs have been authorised to delete the names of persons from the BPL list in case they have been wrongly included in the list.