

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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IDENTIFICATION OF POOREST PERSONS IN TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to conduct any survey to identify the poorest persons in the tribal dominated areas of various States, particularly in Maharashtra, with the help of community based organisations / non-Governmental organisations;
- (b) if so, the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which such survey is likely to be conducted/completed, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to(c): The Ministry of Rural Development conducts Below Poverty Line (BPL) Census, through State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, at the beginning of each Five Year Plan, to identify the BPL households living in rural areas of the country, including tribal dominated areas in all States/UTs. The next BPL Census is proposed to be conducted during the year 2002 in all States/UTs. The Ministry have constituted an Expert Group, comprising Academician and representatives of the Planning Commission/Central Ministries/State Governments, to advise the Ministry on the methodology and criteria to be adopted for the Census.