

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4533  
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2002  
INCIDENCE OF POVERTY IN ORISSA  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware that there is high incidence of poverty in Orissa, especially in the KBK regions of Orissa ;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any steps were taken / proposed to be taken for raising the people above poverty line,
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

- (a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Historical and geographical factors including differences in resource endowment have contributed to the high incidence of poverty in Orissa as well as the KBK region.
- (c) & (d) : In addition to the on-going programmes of the State Government and Central Schemes for poverty alleviation and employment generation, Special Central Assistance of Rs.100 crore has been allocated under the Rashtriya SamVikas Yojana for the Special Plan for the KBK districts of Orissa.
- (e) : Does not arise