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SPECIFIC PROGRAMMES FOR POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of special programmes being undertaken for poverty eradication in the States where poverty concentration is higher than the national average during the Tenth Plan Period; and

(b) the specific programmes drawn up along with the augmentation of administrative capacity to bring down the poverty ratio of Orissa to that of all India average, where poverty ratio is more than 47 percent of its population almost double of national average?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a): The Major Poverty Alleviation Programmes undertaken for poverty alleviation in the various States and Union Territories of the country are Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Sampurna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY) and Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) in the rural areas and Swarn Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) in the urban areas. There are no separate poverty alleviation programmes for the States where poverty concentration is higher than national average. However, in the Tenth Plan, Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana has been initiated with the main objective of putting in place programmes with the joint efforts of the Centre and the States which would remove barriers to growth, accelerate the development process and improve the quality of life of the people.

(b): In addition to the existing Poverty Alleviation programmes, a Special Plan has been drawn up by the State Government for the undivided Koraput-Bolangir- Kalahandi (KBK) districts of Orissa which is being funded under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana on a 100 per cent grant basis. This Plan includes schemes for drought proofing, livelihood support, health services and disadvantaged groups which will also help in mitigating the poverty related problems of this area.