

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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POVERTY ELIMINATION AGENDA
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have drawn a heavy agenda regarding the poverty elimination from the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the manner in which the Government propose to implement the agenda; and
- (d) the time by which this agenda is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

- (a) to (d): Eradication of poverty and generation of adequate productive employment by giving priority to agriculture & rural development is one of the objectives of the Ninth Five Year Plan. The Government has adopted a three pronged strategy for reducing poverty. It comprises of
- (i) accelerated economic growth with a focus on sectors which are employment intensive;
 - (ii) human and social development through provision of basic minimum services; and
 - (iii) targeted anti-poverty programmes.

Further, it is recognized that poverty can be effectively eradicated only with the active participation of the poor in the growth process. Therefore, social mobilization and empowerment of the poor through the Panchayati Raj Institutions, voluntary organizations and community based Self-Help Groups, and other user groups, is being pursued in order to improve delivery of the various development schemes.