

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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BELOW POVERTY LINE
MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the number and percentage of people in the Northern States are living the below poverty line and the comparative figures for each State and UT as also the national average; and

(b) the steps taken and being taken to lift these States up to the national level?

Answer

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

(a) : The latest estimate of number and percentage of people below the poverty line in the Northern States available for the year 1993-94 are given in Annexure I. The figures for other states and UTs are given in Annexure II.

(b) There is a three-pronged action to alleviate and reduce the poverty in the country. These are:

(i) acceleration of economic growth,

(ii) human, and social development through literacy, education, health, nutrition, meeting of the minimum needs, elevation of social and economic status of the weaker sections of the society, etc., and

(iii) direct attack on poverty through employment and income generating programmes and assets-building for the poor.

ANNEXURE-I

Number and Percentage of Population Below Poverty Line In Northern States - 1993-94

S.No.	Rural		Urban		Combined		
	No. of Persons (Lakhs)	%age of Persons (Lakhs)	No. of Persons (Lakhs)	%age of Persons (Lakhs)	No. of Persons (Lakhs)	%age of Persons (Lakhs)	
1.	Haryana	36.56	28.02	7.31	16.38	43.88	25.05
2.	Himachal Pradesh	15.4	30.34	0.46	9.18	15.86	28.44
3.	Jammu & Kashmir	19.05	30.34	1.86	9.18	20.92	25.17
4.	Punjab	17.76	11.95	7.35	11.35	25.11	11.77
5.	Rajasthan	94.68	26.46	33.82	30.49	128.5	27.41
6.	Uttar Pradesh	496.17	42.28	108.28	35.39	604.46	40.85
7.	Chandigarh	0.07	11.35	0.73	11.35	0.8	11.35
8.	Delhi	0.19	1.9	15.32	16.03	15.51	14.69
	All India	2440.31	37.27	763.37	32.36	3203.68	35.97

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- 1 Urban Poverty Ratio of Punjab used for both rural and urban poverty of Chandigarh.
- 2 Poverty Ratio of Himachal Pradesh is used for Jammu & Kashmir.

ANNEXURE-II

Number and Percentage of Population Below Poverty Line by States - 1993-94

S.No.	State	Rural		Urban		Combined	
		No.of Persons (Lakhs)	%age of Persons (Lakhs)	No.of Persons (Lakhs)	%age of Persons (Lakhs)	No. of Persons (Lakhs)	%age of Persons (Lakhs)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	79.49	15.92	74.47	38.33	153.97	22.19
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	3.62	45.01	0.11	7.73	3.73	39.35
3.	Assam	94.33	45.01	2.03	7.73	96.36	40.86
4.	Bihar	450.86	58.21	42.49	34.5	493.35	54.96
5.	Goa	0.38	5.34	1.53	27.03	1.91	14.92
6.	Gujarat	62.16	22.18	43.02	27.89	105.19	24.21
7.	Karnataka	95.99	29.88	60.46	40.14	156.46	33.16
8.	Kerala	55.95	25.76	20.46	24.55	76.41	25.43
9.	Madhya Pradesh	216.19	40.64	82.33	48.38	298.52	42.52
10.	Maharashtra	193.33	37.93	111.9	35.15	305.22	36.86
11.	Manipur	6.33	45.01	0.47	7.73	6.8	33.78
12.	Meghalaya	7.09	45.01	0.29	7.73	7.38	37.92
13.	Mizoram	1.64	45.01	0.3	7.73	1.94	25.66
14.	Nagaland	4.85	45.01	0.2	7.73	5.05	37.92
15.	Orissa	140.9	49.72	19.7	41.64	160.6	48.56
16.	Sikkim	1.81	45.01	0.03	7.73	1.84	41.43
17.	Tamil Nadu	121.7	32.48	80.4	39.77	202.1	35.03
18.	Tripura	11.41	45.01	0.38	7.73	11.79	39.01
19.	West Bengal	209.9	40.8	44.66	22.41	254.56	35.66
20.	Andaman & Nic.	0.73	32.48	0.33	39.77	1.06	34.47
21.	Dadra & N. Haveli	0.72	51.95	0.06	39.93	0.77	50.84
22.	Daman & Diu	0.03	5.34	0.15	27.03	0.18	15.8
23.	Lakshadweep	0.06	25.76	0.08	24.55	0.14	25.04
24.	Pondicherry	0.93	32.48	2.38	39.77	3.31	37.4
	All India	2440.31	37.27	763.37	32.36	3203.68	35.97

1 `Poverty Ratio of Assam is used for Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya,` `Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura.`

2 Poverty Ratio of Tamil Nadu is used for Pondicherry and A & N Island.

3 Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshdweep.

4 Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Daman & Diu.

5 Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to estimate poverty ratio of Goa.

6 Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Havelis used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.