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PER CAPITA EXPENDITURE IN URBAN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the per-capita average expenditure for monthly consumption in rural and urban areas in the country is Rs. 554 and Rs. 1022 respectively;
- (b) if not, the facts in this regard;
- (c) the procedure followed by the Government for calculating the per-capita average expenditure; and
- (d) the amount of minimum and maximum expenditure in both rural and urban areas separately?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b) Yes, sir. The all-India average monthly per capita consumer expenditure (MPCE) was Rs. 554 for rural India and Rs. 1022 for urban India based on NSS 59th round conducted during January-December 2003.

(c) The estimate of per capita average expenditure has been worked out by dividing estimated total consumer expenditure by estimated total number of persons. The estimates of average MPCE are based on a nation-wide sample survey where 26,143 rural households spread over 6,553 villages and 14,870 urban households spread over 3,757 urban blocks were canvassed after selecting them scientifically in the 59th round during 2003.

(d) Based on NSS 59th Round Survey conducted during 2003; for Rural India, the average expenditures based on lowest MPCE Class (Rs. 0-225) and highest MPCE class (Rs. 950 and more) are Rs. 195 and Rs. 1440 respectively. While for Urban India, the average expenditures based on lowest MPCE Class (Rs. 0-300) and highest MPCE class (Rs. 1925 and more) are Rs. 250 and Rs. 3116 respectively.