

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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POVERTY ALLEVIATION

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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the mid-term appraisal of Tenth Five Year Plan, the Government is lagging for behind in the achievement of targets set by it for poverty alleviation;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any positive measures towards poverty alleviation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a)&(b): In the Tenth Plan (2002-07), the Planning Commission has set a monitorable target for reduction of poverty by 5 percentage points by 2007 in consistency with the overall growth target of 8% per annum. In the mid-term Appraisal of the Tenth Plan, it has been mentioned that while there is a consensus that there has been a decline in the incidence of poverty during 1990s, it is difficult to assess the extent of this decline as there has been considerable debate regarding comparability of data due to changes in the methodology adopted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) between 1993-94 and 1999-2000.

(c)&(d): With a view to ameliorate the conditions of urban poverty in the country, Ministry of Urban Employment & Poverty Alleviation is already implementing an employment oriented Centrally Sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme namely, Swarna Jayanti Sahahari Rozgar Yojan (SJSRY) on all India basis, w.e.f. 1.12.1997. The programme seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed poor through setting up of micro enterprises and also through provision of Wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between the Centre and the States.