

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2924
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2004
COMMITTEE ON POVERTY AND UNEMPLOYMENT
Marndi Shri Sudam

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Planning Commission had constituted a Committee for removing poverty and unemployment by 2020;
- (b) if so, the names of NGOs included in this Committee;
- (c) whether `All India Association for SC/ST & Physically Handicapped Peoples` Upliftment` has been approaching to ascertain some facts on the subject matter;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the details of poverty and unemployment removed during the last four years and the total amount spent on this Committee?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

- (a) and (b): The Planning Commission had constituted a Committee on `India Vision 2020` under the Chairmanship Dr. S.P. Gupta, Member, Planning Commission. The Members of the Committee were experts in their individual capacity. No NGOs were included in this Committee.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d): The All India Association for SC/ST & Physically Handicapped Peoples` Upliftment seeks information regarding the work done by the Planning Commission to remove poverty and unemployment by 2020. The Report of the Committee on `India Vision 2020` was provided to the Association.
- (e): Does not arise.
- (f): The unemployment rate and poverty ratios are estimated by the Planning Commission on the basis of large sample surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation. The last such Survey was conducted in 1999-2000. On the basis of this Survey, poverty ratio was estimated to be 26.1 percent as against 36 percent in 1993-94. The unemployment rate was 7.32 percent in 1999-00 as against 5.99 percent in 1993-94. The Committee `India Vision 2020` was supported by the budget of the Planning Commission.