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LOK SABHA**

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REVIEW OF POVERTY MEASUREMENT
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to review the poverty measurement in view of changes in the structure of the economy;
- (b) if so, whether since 1962 the nutrition basket has not been changed in India; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): No Sir, at present there is no such proposal to review the poverty measurement.
- (b): The nutrition basket used for estimating poverty ratios by Planning Commission has not been changed since 1968 .
- (c): For estimating poverty line, Planning Commission takes into account the per capita consumption expenditure of food and non-food items for rural and urban areas. The food items include cereal, gram, cereal substitutes, pulses & pulse products, milk & milk products, edible oil, egg fish & meat, vegetables, fruits (fresh), fruits (dry), sugar, salt, spices, beverages etc. The non-food items include pan, tobacco, intoxicants, fuel and light, clothing, footwear, education, medical-institutional, medical-non-institutional, entertainment, goods prs.care & effects, toilet articles, sundry articles, misc. consumer goods, consumer services, conveyance, misc. consumer services, rent, taxes and cesses, misc. consumer goods & services, durable goods.