

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1088

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REPORT OF UNDESA

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the report of United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) India is the biggest victim of financial crisis induced poverty;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has examined the report;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the impact of its schemes/programmes already in force for removal of poverty; and
- (e) if so, the outcome thereof, scheme/programme-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY)

(a) : No, Madam. The Report does not give any India specific figures.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.

(d) & (e): Various schemes/programmes are implemented by the Government for the removal of poverty. The Planning Commission follows a uniform methodology for estimation of poverty across all states. The present method used by Planning Commission for estimation of poverty is based on the methodology recommended by the expert group on 'Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor' (Lakdawala Committee) and estimates are released approximately after a period five year. The financial crises started in the mid of 2008. The percentage of population below poverty line has declined from 35.97 percent in the year 1993-94 to 27.5 percent during the year 2004-05.