

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BPL FAMILIES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey regarding the BPL families crossing over the poverty line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of BPL families who have crossed the BPL line after availing the benefits of the schemes formulated for their upliftment;
- (c) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) the manner in which the Government ascertains the achievement of its schemes in the absence of vital datas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIV. NARAYANASAMY)

(a) to (d): Poverty is estimated from a large sample survey of household consumption expenditure carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) after an interval of five years approximately. A reduction in head count ratio of consumption poverty from 36 % in 1993-94 to 27.5% in 2004-05 has been estimated as a result of economic development and implementation of various programmes. The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing various poverty alleviation programmes and conducts studies for assessing their impact in general and programmes specific from time to time. The Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is a major self employment scheme which focuses on poverty alleviation and employment generation in rural areas through income generation activities. Evaluation study of SGSY conducted in 2002-03 through independent Research Organizations revealed that at the national Level 37.24% individual Swarogaris and 15.09% self help group swarogaries crossed the Poverty line after availing assistance under the programme. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) is a major wage employment programme under which a wage employment of 90.50 crore persondays, 143.59 crore persondays and 216.00 crore persondays have been generated during 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 respectively. In addition, a comprehensive multi tool and multi-level system has been put in place to monitor the implementation of the poverty alleviation programmes. The strategy includes creation of awareness about the schemes, transparency, people's participation, accountability and social audit and vigilance/monitoring at different levels, etc.