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REPORT OF TENDULKAR COMMITTEE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Tendulkar Committee, appointed to finalise the new criteria for identifying the poor, has submitted its report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it will be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Expert Group constituted by the Planning Commission in December 2005 under the chairmanship of Prof. Suresh D. Tendulkar to review the methodology for estimation of poverty submitted its report on 08-12-2009.

The report has acknowledged the multi-dimensional nature of poverty and recommended adoption of a uniform Poverty Line Basket (PLB) based on the latest available observed household consumption expenditure data of the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) for both rural and urban population and a new price adjustment procedure incorporating private expenditure on health and education. It also recommended Mixed Recall Period (MRP) equivalent of urban Poverty Line Basket (PLB) corresponding to 25.7% urban headcount ratio as the new reference PLB. On the basis of above methodology, the all-India rural poverty headcount ratio for 2004-05 is estimated at 41.8%, urban poverty headcount ratio at 25.7% and All India level at 37.2%.

The Planning Commission is seized of the recommendations of the Tendulkar Committee.