

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:574
ANSWERED ON:05.05.2010
TENDULKAR COMMITTEE REPORT ON BPL
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of BPL families as per the Tendulkar Committee report and the manner in which the Government proposes to meet the expenditure likely to be incurred for the purpose;
- (b) whether some States like Bihar, Gujarat, etc. have represented to the Union Government for early adoption of the Tendulkar Committee report;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Government has accepted the report;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the time by which the recommendations of the Committee are likely to be implemented; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 574 BY DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI AND DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH REGARDING TENDULKAR COMMITTEE REPORT ON BPL FOR ANSWER ON 05.05.2010

(a) to (g): The Planning Commission estimates the incidence of poverty from a large sample survey of household consumer expenditure carried out by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) with an interval of 5 years approximately. Since the year 1997, the poverty estimates are based on the methodology contained in the Report of the Expert Group on 'Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor' (Lakdawala Committee). The latest poverty estimates based on 61st Round NSSO data have been released for the year 2004-05 wherein the poverty line adopted at all-India level is per capita per month consumption expenditure of Rs. 356.30 for rural areas and Rs. 538.60 for urban areas at 2004-05 prices. State-wise number and proportion of poor based on the poverty estimates for the year 2004-05 is at Annexure-I.

The Planning Commission constituted an Expert Group under the chairmanship of Prof. Suresh D. Tendulkar in December 2005 to review the methodology for estimation of poverty. The Committee submitted its report on 8th December 2009. This report has indicated the state-wise poverty head count ratio both for rural and urban areas. The Committee has not mentioned about the number of BPL families. No specific reference has been made by the State of Bihar and Gujarat etc. for the early adoption of the Tendulkar Committee Report. The Planning Commission is currently processing the recommendations of the Expert Group and a final view will be taken shortly.