

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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UPLIFTMENT OF BPL FAMILIES  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the country;
- (b) the details of schemes formulated for the upliftment of people belonging to BPL category;
- (c) the number of such families reduced/increased as a result of implementation of said schemes;
- (d) whether any guidelines have been issued to the State Governments revising the BPL list; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the said survey is likely to be conducted?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN "ADITYA")

(a) The Ministry of Rural Development provides financial and technical support to States /UTs in form of methodology and guidelines to conduct the BPL Census for identification of households living below the poverty line in rural areas. Last such Census was conducted in 2002. 27 States have finalised BPL List based on BPL Census 2002 and have identified 5.51 crores families, living in rural areas, as BPL.

(b) The Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is the main programme implemented for upliftment of people belonging to BPL category by the Ministry of Rural Development. SGSY is a holistic Self Employment Programme under which rural poor are being organized into Self Help Groups, training is given for their capacity building and financial assistance is provided in the form of bank credit and subsidy to take up economic activities which could generate income on sustainable basis. The Ministry of Rural Development also implementing schemes such as Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) under which financial assistance is provided to rural BPL households for construction/up-gradation of dwelling units and Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) for benefit of persons living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in rural areas of the country. Details of the schemes are also published on the website of the Ministry at [www.rural.nic.in](http://www.rural.nic.in).

(c) The Ministry of Rural Development has been conducting studies for assessing impact of its programmes in general and for specific programme. The Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is the major self employment scheme for the below poverty line families only, which focus on poverty alleviation and employment generation in rural areas through income generation activities. Evaluation study of Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) conducted by the Ministry of Rural Development through independent Research Organizations located in various parts of the country in 2002-03 revealed that at national Level 37.24% individual Swarogaris and 15.09% self help group swarogaries crossed the Poverty line through the assistance (Subsidy and bank credit) of SGSY.

(d)& (e) No guidelines have been issued to States/UTs for revising the BPL lists so far.