

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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IDENTIFICATION OF URBAN POOR UNDER RAY
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has set up a committee to work out a methodology for identifying the urban poor for implementation of the Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY);
- (b) if so, whether the poverty estimation methods suggested by the Tendulkar and Saxena Committees would also be considered by the newly set up committee;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the committee has submitted its recommendations to the Government;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

- (a) to (c): The Planning Commission, vide its Notification dated 13-05-2010, has constituted an Expert Group to recommend the detailed methodology for identification of families living below poverty line in the urban areas. The Terms of Reference of the Group are as under:
- (i) To recommend appropriate detailed methodology with simple, transparent and objectively measurable indicators, to identify Below Poverty Line (BPL) households in Urban Areas for providing assistance under various schemes targeted at the urban poor;
 - (ii) To recommend periodicity for the conduct of BPL Survey in Urban Areas or the mechanisms to review such BPL list;
 - (iii) To recommend suitable institutional mechanism for the conduct of BPL survey, survey questionnaire, processing of data, training, validation and approval of urban BPL list at various levels;
 - (iv) To recommend suitable institutional mechanism to address grievances of public on exclusion/ inclusion in the urban BPL list.
 - (v) Any other suggestions/recommendations to make the exercise of Urban BPL survey simple, transparent and acceptable.
- (d) to (e): As per the Notification, the Expert Group constituted in May 2010, would submit its report within four months time.
- (f): Does not arise at this stage.