

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TARGET OF POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets set for poverty alleviation during the Eleventh Plan Period;
- (b) whether according to the mid-term appraisal, the Government is lagging behind in achieving the set targets;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to take any positive measures towards poverty alleviation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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): Alleviation of poverty in the country is one of the monitorable targets of the Eleventh Five Year Plan and it aims at reduction in the Head-Count Ratio of Consumption Poverty by 10 percentage points during the Plan period (2007-12). It is not possible to measure progress against this target at this stage, because no official estimates of poverty are available after 2004-05. The next estimate of poverty for the year 2009-10, based on the 66th round of National Sample Survey Organisation survey, will become available only in 2011.

(d) and (e): The Government has taken various measures to reduce poverty in the country through direct intervention by implementing programmes such as: Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS), Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission, Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and Total Sanitation Campaign etc. Many of the flagship programmes were launched in 2004-05 and results of the ongoing survey by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) on consumption expenditure, when received by 2011, would help in revealing the quantitative reduction in the poverty Head Count Ratio.