

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SURVEY FOR BPL POPULATION
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to review Below Poverty Line (BPL) category population of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the survey for BPL population proposed to be undertaken; and
- (d) the manner in which it is proposed to be carried out?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Ministry of Rural Development, on 12-08-2008, constituted an Expert Group under chairmanship of Dr. N.C. Saxena to advise on the suitable methodology for identification of BPL households. The Expert Group submitted its report on 21-08-2009. The report of the Expert Group was circulated among the State Governments/UT administrations and the concerned Central Ministries for their comments. The Ministry has also consulted various experts on the issue. Based on their suggestions pilot survey in 254 villages is being conducted to arrive at the methodology for the forthcoming BPL Census. In addition to the pilot survey through conventional questionnaire method, Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) technique is also being conducted in the same 254 villages where household survey is conducted to corroborate the information received through the surveys. Methodology for the BPL Census will be finalized on the basis of outcome of pilot survey and taking in to account the suggestions/comments of States/UTs, Central Ministries and experts. It is expected that the BPL Census would be carried out in the first quarter of 2011-12.