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UPLIFTMENT OF BPL FAMILIES

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of families living below the poverty line in Tamil Nadu and Orissa and number of people uplifted from Below Poverty Line;
- (b) the effect of various schemes started to uplift the people living below the poverty line in Tamil Nadu and Orissa;
- (c) the results/outcome of such schemes in the States;
- (d) the measures the Government has undertaken to improve the living standard of the poor people in the States; and
- (e) the number of districts in the above States where number of people living Below Poverty Line have increased?

Answer

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

(a) : The Planning Commission estimates poverty at the national and State level from a large sample survey on household consumer expenditure carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) after an interval of 5 years approximately. The Ministry of Rural Development provides financial and technical support to the States and Union Territories to conduct a BPL census through door to door survey to identify the BPL households in rural areas and the BPL lists are maintained at the Gram Panchayat Level also. As per Tendulkar Committee report accepted by National Development Council (NDC), Planning Commission on 24th July, 2010, the poverty head count ratio during 2004-05 in Orissa was 57.2% and in Tamil Nadu poverty head count ratio was 28.9% as compared to National average 37.2% of population.

(b) & (c): In Tamil Nadu the last BPL Census was done in 2002 and the next BPL Census is proposed to be taken up in 2011, after which the change in the number of families living below poverty line will be known. In Orissa, the Rural BPL Survey 2002 has not been finalized, the BPL list 1997 is now in force. The overall percentage of families below poverty line has declined in Orissa from 78.68% in 1992 to 66.23% in 1997. In fourteen districts, the decline varies from 0.89 to 32.93 per cent.

(d): Government of India is implementing various schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Mid-day Meal Scheme (MDM), Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Swarn Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) to alleviate poverty.

(e): In Orissa, a comparison between the Rural BPL lists of 1992 and 1997 shows that the number of people living Below Poverty Line has increased in 16 districts of Orissa.