

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
LOK SABHA**

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BPL SURVEY IN U.P  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) individuals in the Eastern region of Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) the date and year of the survey that this data is based on;
- (c) whether the last BPL survey was implemented in the region;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the recent inflation and price rise has been considered while finalizing the BPL criterion and preparation of BPL lists; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): The number of persons living Below the Poverty Line (BPL) in the country is estimated by the Planning Commission at the National and State level only and below State level estimates are not brought out. The Ministry of Rural Development provides financial and technical support to the States/UTs for conducting the BPL Census for identification of the families living Below the Poverty Line (BPL) in the rural areas. The last BPL Census in eastern region of Uttar Pradesh was conducted from December, 2002 and completed on October, 2006. Number of households identified as BPL by the Government of Uttar Pradesh are 52,87,431 and BPL population is 2,67,75,641. Selection of beneficiaries by the Government of Uttar Pradesh under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) and Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) is being done from the BPL list so prepared.

(e)&(f): The existing criteria/methodology for identification of BPL households was adopted on the recommendation of an Expert Group constituted by the Ministry of Rural Development. The methodology is based on Score Based Ranking of each rural household on 13 socio-economic parameters reflecting the levels of living and quality of life and which are considered as proxy indicators of poverty.