

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LIVING ON NOMINAL WAGES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether around 20 per cent of the people in the country are making their livelihood on a very nominal wages;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has conducted State-wise survey in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to formulate any programme to improve the life style of these poor people; and
- (e) the number of people in the country including Jharkhand who are making their livelihood on very nominal wages?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE)

(a) to (c): According to the Consumer Expenditure Survey's of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) in 2004-05, the Planning Commission has estimated poverty ratio at 27.5 per cent for the country as a whole. State-wise details of poverty ratio are given at Annexure.

(d): In order to enhance the living standards of the disadvantage sections of the population, including workers, the Government has taken several measures including enactment of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005. The Government is also implementing a number of other employment generation schemes, such as Swarnjayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY), Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP). Social Security Schemes under the Unorganized workers Social Security Act, 2008, like Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana, Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme and Aam Admi Bima Yojana also aim at improving the livelihood of the poor of the country.

(e): According to the Planning Commission, the poverty ratio for Jharkhand during 2004-05 was 40.3 per cent.