

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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MUSLIMS LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to identify Muslims living below poverty line in each State;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (c) Number and proportion of people living below the poverty line at the national and state levels separately for rural and urban areas is being estimated. Data regarding population living below the poverty line by religious denominations is not maintained. The methodology for BPL census in rural areas is being finalized on the basis of outcome of pilot survey and taking into account the suggestions /comments of the States/UTs, Central Ministries and experts. The Planning Commission has set up an Expert Group to recommend detailed methodology for identification of families living below poverty line, in urban areas.