

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA**

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UPLIFTMENT OF BPL PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) The details of schemes and funds allocated by the Union Government for the benefit of people living Below Poverty Line (BPL) during the last two years and the current year, year-wise and scheme-wise;
- (b) whether there is any other proposal to start new schemes for the upliftment of BPL in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep; and
- (c) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING, PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES(DR. ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): The Government has taken measures to reduce poverty in the country through direct intervention by implementing various programmes. The BPL card holders are eligible to get food and other items distributed under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) viz. wheat, rice, sugar, kerosene, etc. at subsidized prices. The allocation of funds provided by the Government for food subsidy during the last three years are Rs. 58442.73 crore (2009-10), Rs. 60599.53 crore (2010-11) and Rs. 60572.98 crore (2011-12). The Schemes implemented by the Ministry of Rural Development specifically for the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in rural areas are Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY)/National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) a self employment programme, Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) for providing dwelling units/houses and Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC). The benefits extended under these schemes during the last two years and the current year, year-wise and scheme-wise are given in annexure.

(b) & (c) : There is no proposal to start any other new scheme for the upliftment of BPL in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep at present.