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VARIATION IN BPL FIGURE

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the figures relating to Below Poverty Line (BPL) population presented by the States and the Union Government are at variance;
- (b) if so, the details of the figures submitted by the States and the Union Government, State-wise;
- (c) whether even today, the poverty line is being determined on the basis of the figures of the year 2004;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to work out the correct figure in respect of BPL families?

Answer

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- (a): This is too early to get BPL population figure for the states as well as for the country as the Socio-Economic survey is underway. Figures of 2002 rural BPL survey on one hand and Poverty estimation of the Planning Commission then on the other have variations as both of them are not the same & hence not comparable because both exercises are based on different methodology.
- (b): Does not arise in the present context. However, the figures emerging from the estimation done in 2004-05 by the Planning Commission & the BPL survey of 2002 are in Annexure- I & II respectively.
- (c): Yes, Madam.
- (d): BPL survey will be on the basis of door to door survey based on self-declaration. However, Tendulkar Committee's report on poverty estimate was based on NSSO survey of 2004-05 because (61st Round) NSSO Survey was the latest survey then.
- (e): Socio-Economic Survey will capture the real time data. Planning Commission is in the process of estimating the revised per capita poverty line as per the Tendulkar methodology on the basis of 2009-10 NSSO survey data on household consumer expenditure which are now available.