

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ASSESSMENT OF POVERTY

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken into account the need for health, education, clothes and housing while making assessment of poverty;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for excluding the above variable in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The Tendulkar Committee, which submitted its Report in 2009, recommended all-India poverty line as Rs.446.68 and Rs.578.80 per capita per month at 2004-05 price level in rural and urban areas respectively. The Tendulkar Committee has incorporated adequacy of expenditure from the normative and nutritional viewpoint. It stated:

"while moving away from the calorie norms, the proposed poverty lines have been validated by checking the adequacy of actual private expenditure per capita near the poverty lines on food, education and health by comparing them with normative expenditures consistent with nutritional, educational and health outcomes."