

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INCOME INEQUALITY
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether according to 66th household consumption expenditure survey released by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO), income inequality has widened as there is a huge gap between the income level of top and bottom 10 per cent of rural and urban population in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

- a) The National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) does not collect information on household income. However, it collects information on Household Consumer Expenditure.
- b) On the basis of the 66th round of NSS, the monthly per capita expenditure (MPCE) was Rs. 377.06 for the lowest 10% class of MPCE and Rs. 2394.66 for the uppermost 10% class of MPCE, in rural areas. Similar figures were Rs. 521.32 and Rs. 5673.16, respectively in urban areas.
- c) Government is Implementing a number of Anti-Poverty Programmes with the objective of alleviating immediate deprivation by providing wage employment and supplementary income and creating infrastructure and other assets which can reduce poverty through their growth effect. The Government follows an inclusive growth policy by promoting a large number of programmes aimed at specifically weaker sections, notably the (i) Swaran Jayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojana (SGSY) (ii) Swaran Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) (iii) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) (iv) Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) (v) Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) and (vi) Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY).