

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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ESTIMATES OF POOR AND BPL  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) the estimates of poor and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the country by the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-2012) and the projected percentage with reference to population in 2012; and

(b) the poverty alleviation targets fixed in the planning profile and the time-frame by which these would be achieved?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Planning Commission estimates number and proportion of persons living below the poverty line (BPL) for the States as well as the country from Large Sample Surveys on Household Consumer Expenditure carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). These surveys are conducted quinquennially. The latest estimates of poverty are available for the year 2004-05 based on 61st round of NSS on Household Consumer Expenditure. Based on Tendulkar Methodology, the poverty ratio in 2004-05 is 41.8 % in rural areas, 25.7% in urban areas and 37.2% in the country. The next round of large sample survey has been conducted in 2009-10. The Planning Commission is in the process of computing poverty estimates on the basis NSSO survey data of 2009-10 on Household Consumer Expenditure, which are now available.

(b): Alleviation of poverty in the country is one of the monitorable targets of the Eleventh Five Year Plan and it aims at reduction in the Head-Count Ratio of Consumption Poverty by 10 percentage points during the Plan period (2007-12).