

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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BPL CENSUS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a review has found that poor of the country were incorrectly identified as non-poor in the 2002 BPL census.
- (b) if so, whether the review has also pointed out serious problems in the methodology proposed to 2011 BPL census;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has initiated any corrective measures to overcome the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a) & (b): No such review has been carried out by the Ministry of Rural Development in respect of BPL Census 2002 or for criteria proposed for identification of BPL households under Socio-Economic and Caste Census 2011 (SECC 2011). However, Expert Group constituted to advise the Ministry of Rural Development on the methodology for conducting the Below Poverty Line (BPL) Census for 11th Five Year Plan has pointed out in its report that large numbers of poor households are excluded from the net of BPL census 2002.

(c) & (d): Criteria proposed for identification of BPL households under Socio-Economic and Caste Census 2011 (SECC 2011) has been finalized on the basis of recommendations of Expert Group, results of Socio-Economic Pilot Survey carried out to arrive at the methodology for identification of BPL households and consultation with experts and State Governments and UT Administrations.