

**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) the recommendations of Expert Group Committee constituted on the proposed methodology for conducting the Below Poverty Line (BPL) census;
- (b) whether the Government has finalized the methodology for conducting the BPL census across the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the funds earmarked for the purpose;
- (d) the State Governments which has requested for pre-poning of BPL census along with the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there is huge difference between the number of BPL families identified in the Central and the State Governments;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) the quantum of foodgrains supplied by the Central Government to State Governments for distribution amongst BPL families during the last three years, State- wise/UT-wise; and
- (h) the details of schemes/programmes formulated and implemented for the welfare and upliftment of BPL families and number of them benefited from such schemes and programmes?

**Answer**

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

- (a) The recommendation of the Expert Group to advise the Ministry of Rural Development on the methodology for conducting the Below Poverty Line (BPL) Census for 11th Five Year Plan include automatic exclusion of certain rural households from the BPL list, automatic inclusion in the BPL list and grading remaining households.
- (b) & (c) The proposed norms for identification of BPL families under Socio- Economic and Caste Census 2011 (SECC 2011) includes criterion for automatic exclusion of rural household from the BPL list, automatic inclusion in the BPL list and grading of the remaining households on the basis of certain deprivations. The Expenditure Finance Committee has approved the estimated expenditure of Rs.3543.29 crore for the combined census.
- (d) A schedule for conducting Socio-Economic and Caste Census 2011 (SECC 2011) has been drawn in consultation with States/UTs.
- (e) & (f) BPL families are identified by the State Governments/UT Administrations only and not by the Central Government. The Ministry of Rural Development provides technical and financial support to States/UTs to conduct BPL Census for identification of BPL families.
- (g) State/UT - wise details of allocation and offtake of Foodgrains for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families and under Antyodaya Anna Yojna (AAY) made by the Department of Food & Public Distribution during the last three years are given in annexure.
- (h) The Ministry of Rural Development is implementing Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)/ National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) and the Ministry of Drinking water and sanitation is implementing Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) for benefit of persons living Below Poverty Line (BPL) in rural areas of the country. Under SGSY, 5646347 Swarozgaries have been assisted during 2007-08 to 2009-2010. The scheme of Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) is operational since 1985-86 and 266.82 lakhs BPL houses have been constructed since its inception. The scheme of Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC) is operational since 1999 and 4.27 crores BPL families have benefited through provision of individual households latrines. Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), Indira Gandhi National Disability Pension Scheme (IGNDPS), National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) and Annapurna are the five schemes of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) under which Pension/Financial Assistance is provided exclusively to persons belonging to BPL families. Physical progress under NSAP for last three years is as under:-

No. of Beneficiaries reported by the States/UTs

IGNOAPS IGWPS# IGNDPS# NFBS Annapurna

34177170 6638857 2027990 1074110 2862576

# IGWPS AND IGNDPS launched only in February 2009.