

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF PEOPLE IN BPL LIST
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a). whether the Union Government has fixed the number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) persons in respect of each State/ UT;
- (b). if so, the details thereof; States/UT- wise;
- (c). whether some State Governments have requested the Union Government for inclusion of more number of families in the list of people living below poverty line and removal of limit on the total number of BPL families to be identified in the States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Planning Commission estimates the number and percentage of persons living below poverty line at national and state level, separately in rural and urban areas from the Large Sample Survey on Household Consumer Expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) at an interval of approximately five years. The latest estimates of poverty are available for the year 2004-05 which are based on the 61st round data of Household Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted during 2004-05. A Statement containing state wise estimates of number and percentage of persons living below the poverty line for the year 2004-05 based on Tendulkar Committee Report is enclosed at Annexure.

(c)&(d): A few States have requested for removal of limit on the total number of BPL families to be identified in the States. In a Joint Statement issued on 3rd October 2011 by Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development it is inter alia stated that the present state- wise poverty estimates using the Planning Commission methodology will NOT be used to impose any ceilings on the number of households to be included in different government programmes and schemes.