

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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DECREASE IN POVERTY  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any indication of decrease in the poverty among the people of various communities in the country during the period from 2004-2005 to 2009-2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of assessment of decrease in the poverty among Muslims, Hindus, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The Planning Commission estimates poverty lines and poverty ratios for the years for which Large Sample Surveys on Household Consumer Expenditure have been conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO). These surveys are conducted quinquennially. The latest year for which poverty estimates are available is 2004-05. The methodology for estimation of poverty has been reviewed from time to time. The Planning Commission constituted an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Prof. Suresh D. Tendulkar in December, 2005. The Tendulkar Committee submitted its report in December, 2009 and the poverty estimates computed by this Committee for the year 2004-05 have been accepted by the Planning commission. The community wise estimates of poverty, as per Tendulkar Methodology, have not been made for 2004-05.

After 2004-05, the Large Sample Survey on Household Consumer Expenditure has been conducted in 2009-10, the results of which are being processed.