

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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EXPENDITURE CAPACITY OF POOR  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Sengupta Committee (Conditions of Work and Promotion of Livelihoods in the Unorganised Sector, NCEUS, 2007), using the National Sample Survey (NSS) consumption data for the 61st round (2004-05), reported that as much as 77 per cent of India's population spends less than or equal to Rs. 20 per day as total consumption expenditure; and

(b) if so, the details of the schemes and programmes, the Government is implementing to enhance the expenditure capacity of these 77% of the poor and vulnerable group?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam. However, the Economic Survey 2008-09, brought out by the Ministry of Finance stated that based on the calculations of data on household consumption expenditure for 2004-05 (NSS 61st Round), only 60.5% of people had per capita per day consumption expenditure of less than Rs. 20.

(b): The Government is implementing a number of poverty alleviation programmes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA), Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), Antyoday Anna Yojana (AAY), Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewable Mission (JNNURM), Swarna Jyanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), etc. All these programmes and Government policies relating to inclusive economic growth aim at reducing the incidence of poverty and improving living condition of poor in the country.