

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:240

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SAXENA COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to implement the recommendations made by the Saxena Committee constituted to devise methodology for BPL Census and estimation of poverty including the economic and social conditions of the poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the follow-up action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.240 for reply on 29/3/2012

(a) & (b): The recommendations made in August 2009 by the Saxena Committee constituted to devise the methodology for BPL Census were discussed with the State Governments, concerned Central Ministries and experts in the field of poverty estimation. It was decided to pre-test the methodology. Accordingly, a pilot survey was conducted in 254 villages across 29 States in the country from August to December 2010.

(c): The findings of the Pilot survey were discussed with a Core Group of Experts and State Governments. Based on the findings of the pilot survey a questionnaire to collect information on socio-economic indicators of households was prepared, and a full-fledged Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) has commenced in June 2011 using the questionnaire.