

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RURAL DEVELOPMENT  
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BPL FAMILIES IN NORTH EASTERN STATES  
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of Below Poverty Line(BPL) population and families in the North Eastern States of the country particularly in the State of Assam, as on date State- wise.
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any survey recently regarding the people/families living below poverty line in the country;
- (c) if so, the average monthly/annual income of those people/families; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure overall improvement in the living standard of BPL population?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Ministry of Rural Development provides financial and technical support to States/UTs for conducting the BPL Census to identify the rural households living Below Poverty Line who could be assisted under its various programmes. The BPL Census is conducted by the respective States/UTs and the BPL lists are prepared and maintained/updated by the respective State Governments/UT administrations. The last BPL Census was conducted in 2002 using the methodology based on Score Based Ranking of each household on socio-economic indicators taken as proxy indicators of poverty on the recommendation of an Expert Group constituted by the Ministry of Rural Development. The state-wise status of BPL Census, 2002 of the North Eastern States is at Annexure.

(b)to(d): Socio-Economic and Caste Census 2011 (SECC, 2011) has been launched on 29th June, 2011 in the country and is being carried out by the respective States Governments/UT Administrations with the financial and technical support of the Government of India to generate information on a large number of social and economic indicators relating to households across the country. The eligibility and entitlements of rural households in the country for different central government programmes and schemes based on the SECC, 2011 survey results has not been arrived at.

Annexure

Statement showing rural BPL families identified by the North Eastern States Under BPL Census, 2002

Sl.No. States/UTs No. of BPL families  
identified (in lakhs)

|   |                   |               |
|---|-------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Arunachal Pradesh | 0.830         |
| 2 | Assam             | 18.728        |
| 3 | Manipur           | 1.693         |
| 4 | Meghalaya         | 2.052         |
| 5 | Mizoram           | 0.374         |
| 6 | Nagaland          | 1.558         |
| 7 | Sikkim            | Not available |
| 8 | Tripura           | 34.848        |