

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware that the spurt in share market has adversely affected the gap between the rich and the poor in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to bridge the wide gap between rich and the poor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY)

(a)&(b): The Planning Commission is not aware of the adverse effect of spurt in share market on gap between the rich and the poor in the country. However government is implementing a number of programmes/schemes to improve the living conditions of the poor. Some of the major schemes and programmes include National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS), Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Mid-day Meal Scheme (MDM), Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Swarn Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY),etc.