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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO POVERTY ESTIMATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has appointed a technical committee to look into the whole issue of poverty line afresh; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the figures of daily per capita income in urban and rural areas arrived at so far in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The methodology for estimation of poverty followed by the Planning Commission has been based on the recommendations made by the experts in the field from time to time. Government has since decided to set up a Technical Group to revisit the methodology for estimation of poverty and identification of poor taking into account multiple dimensions and indicators of poverty so that the poor and deprived households can obtain the benefit of different government programmes and schemes. The composition of the Technical Group and its terms of reference are being finalized.