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TENDULKAR METHOD FOR BPL ESTIMATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to adopt Suresh Tendulkar methodology for estimation of poverty and elimination of poverty by the end of the Thirteenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount earmarked for removing poverty in the country during the period?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Planning Commission has accepted the poverty lines and poverty ratio re-computed by Tendulkar Committee Report for the year 2004-05. Following the methodology recommended by Tendulkar Committee for updation of poverty lines the Planning Commission has estimated poverty ratio for the year 2009-10 using household consumer expenditure survey data of 66th round conducted by National Sample Survey Office during 2009-10. 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.

(c): The Government is implementing number of poverty reduction and mitigation programmes such as: Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), National Rural Health Mission (NRHM), Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA), Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) etc. The Budget Estimate for major poverty alleviation programmes/schemes during 2012-13 is as follows:

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Scheme  Allocation in Rs.(in crores)



MGNREGA   33000.00



SGSY   3915.00



SJSRY   838.00



NRHM   20542.00



SSA   25555.00



MDM   11937.00
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ICDS   15850.00


IAY    11075.00
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