

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PEOPLE BROUGHT ABOVE POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise details of persons who have been brought above poverty line during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to raise the living standard of people living below poverty line by launching any new scheme during the Twelfth Plan Period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): Planning Commission estimates percentage and number of people living below poverty line using large sample survey data of Household Consumer Expenditure collected by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO). The surveys are carried out by the NSSO every 5 years. On the basis of two latest surveys conducted during 2004-05 and 2009-10, poor persons in the country has reduced from 40.7 crore in 2004-05 to 35.5 crore in 2009-10. The state-wise details of reduction in number of poor persons during 2004-05 to 2009-10 are given at Annexure.
- (b) to (d): The Twelfth Five Year Plan is under formulation. However, Government is fully committed to such measures and schemes which would result in poverty alleviation.