

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STANDARD OF PEOPLE LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the guidelines for identifying the people living below poverty line in the metropolitan cities and urban areas in the country;
- (b) the number of persons living below poverty line in big and small cities including metropolitan cities, State wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any measures to improve the living standards and provide employment and housing facility to the urban poor and BPL people in the country; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

- (a): Planning Commission constituted an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Professor S.R.Hashim to recommend the detailed methodology for identification of families living below poverty line in the urban areas. The report of the Expert Group is awaited.
- (b): State-wise information on State specific Poverty Lines and estimates of population living below poverty line in urban areas for the year 2009-10 is enclosed at Annexure- II.
- (c): Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing an urban poverty alleviation scheme called Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) since 1997 on all India basis. The scheme has been comprehensively revamped in 2009. The revamped scheme aims at providing gainful employment to the urban unemployed and under-employed poor, through encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures and by providing skill development training to enable them for wage employment. For providing housing and improving their living standards Government of India has been assisting State Governments under Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission by providing support under its two components namely Basic Services to the Urban Poor (BSUP) and Integrated Housing & Slum Development Programme (IHSDP).
- (d). Details are at Annexure- III -IV.