

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INCOME OF RURAL POPULATION

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to National Sample Survey Organization(NSSO) carried out between July 2009 and June 2010, 60% of India's rural population lives on less than Rs.35/- a day;

(b) if so, the details of the survey; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Union Government to increase the income of rural of rural population?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN `ADITYA`)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation conducted the 66th round of National Sample Surveys during July 2009 to June 2010 covering Household Consumer Expenditure and Employment-Unemployment. Data on Household Consumer Expenditure was collected separately with three different reference periods namely month, month and year and mix of week, month and year referred to as Uniform Reference Period, Mixed reference Period and Modified Mixed reference period respectively. As per data collected on Household Consumer Expenditure in 66th round of National Sample Surveys with these reference periods, Monthly Per Capita Expenditure for rural areas works out to Rs. 853, Rs. 895 and Rs. 1001 respectively. This translates into corresponding figures for per day per person as Rs. 28.43, Rs. 29.83 and 33.37 respectively.

(c): The Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing poverty alleviation programs/schemes in rural areas of the country through State Governments and UT Administration. The programmes namely Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar(SGSY)/National Rural Livelihoods Mission(NRLM)/Ajeevika, Indira Awaas Yojana and National Social Assistance Programme(NSAP) are for the benefit of the person living below poverty line.