

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of people who have been brought above the poverty line in the country, particularly in the rural areas during the last three years and the current year, State-wise particularly in the State of Uttarakhand;
- (b) the estimated number of people living below poverty line as on date in rural areas;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to raise the living standard of people living below poverty line;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

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

(a): The Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing through State Governments/U.T. Administrations major centrally sponsored schemes namely Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)/ National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) for self employment and poverty alleviation in rural areas of the country, including state of Uttarakhand, which has specific objectives to bring the assisted BPL families above the poverty line. The SGSY has now been modified as National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)/Aajeevika. The percentage of swarozgaries/beneficiaries crossed the poverty line by way of assistance given under SGSY, are estimated through the concurrent evaluation studies, conducted by the Ministry of Rural Development through independent research organizations. As per this latest evaluation conducted during 2006-07, State-wise percentage of swarozgaries crossed the poverty lines are given at Annexure.

(b): As per the Planning Commission, the estimated numbers of people living below the poverty line as on 2009-10 are 2782.1 lakh in rural areas.

(c) to (e): No, Sir. Besides SGSY/NRLM, the Ministry of Rural Development has also been implementing other schemes i.e. Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP) for employment generation, rural housing, rural connectivity and area development respectively, which in turn contribute to raise the living standard of rural people living below poverty line.