

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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STATISTICAL ACCOUNT OF POOR  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Rural Development keep the details of statistical accounts of the poor in the country;
- (b) if so, whether these Departments have collected the details or data pertaining to the present condition of the poor in the country;
- (c) if so, the caste-wise number of such families in each State of the country; and
- (d) the details of their monthly income by way of financial assistance being provided by the Centre and State Governments and the employment being provided to them during the year?

**Answer**

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

(a): Planning Commission prepares the poverty estimates for the country & the States based on the large sample surveys on households consumers expenditure conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) at the interval of approximately five years. Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) provides financial & technical support to the States/Union Territories (UTs) for conducting Below Poverty Line (BPL) Census to identify rural households living below the poverty line. The technical component of MoRD's role includes finalization of methodology for identifying BPL families and implementation modalities. The BPL Census is thus conducted by the States/UTs and the BPL lists are prepared and maintained by the respective State Government/UT Administration. These lists are also provided by the State Governments/ UT Administration to MoRD.

(b): Currently, the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC), 2011 is underway in States/ UTs under the stewardship of Ministry of Rural Development. The Census will capture the number of people in the BPL lists in the States and Union Territories.

(c): Caste-wise number of such families in each State is not available as the earlier BPL Census, 2002 was not caste based. The figures will emerge after completion of the Socio-Economic Caste Census, 2011.

(d): The Census does not elicit information on any financial assistance received by BPL people from the Central and State Governments and employment got by them during the year.