

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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BPL CENSUS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the last time when Below Poverty Line(BPL) census was conducted at an all-India and State level;
- (b) the details of the current BPL census thereof;
- (c) the details of various schemes of the Central and various State Governments based upon the BPL Census conducted by the Ministry;
- (d) whether any problems of ghost cards, incorrect identification etc. have been found;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) The Ministry of Rural Development provides financial and technical support to the States/UTs for conducting the BPL Census to identify the families living Below the Poverty Line in the rural area who could be targeted under its programmes. The last BPL Census was conducted in the year 2002.
- (b) The Ministry of Rural Development, with the approval of the Union Cabinet, has launched a Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC 2011) on 29th June, 2011 to identify below poverty line households and Caste Census throughout the country which is being carried out by the respective State Governments /UT Administrations with the financial and technical support of the Government of India. Socio Economic and Caste Census 2011 consist of Census in rural areas for identification of BPL households, Census in Urban areas in connection with identification of BPL households in urban areas and Caste Census throughout the country. Subject of the Caste census comes under the purview of Office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India and issue for identification of below poverty line households in urban areas comes under the purview of Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation (HUPA).
- (c) The Ministry of Rural Development implements the Schemes of Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana(SGSY)/National Rural Livelihood Mission(NRLM), Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) and National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) through the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations that benefits the below poverty line rural population.
- (d) The Socio Economic and Caste Census is still progressing and no such information has come to the notice of this Ministry till date.
- (e) & (f) In view of position given at (d) above, no comments.