

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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MILLENNIUM GROWTH TARGETS

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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India figures at 89th place in the list of 125 countries as per the report of UN Millennium Development Goal, 2012 growth targets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether as per the figures issued by the UNICEF, 32.7 percent of the country's population survives with less than a dollar per day;
- (d) if so, the reasons for such wide disparity in the living standard in India in comparison to other countries; and
- (e) the details of the schemes being implemented by the Government to achieve Millennium Development Goals 2015?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND PLANNING(SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

- (a) & (b): As per the report of UN Millennium Development Goal, 2012 no such placing for India is mentioned. The report contains performance of different countries on account of Goals/indicators embodying the different Millennium Development Goals.
- (c) & (d): As per World Bank database, the percent of India's population surviving with less than a dollar per day is 32.7% in 2009-10. The disparity in living standard across countries does not depend only on the percentage of people living below a fixed level of income/consumption. The reasons lie in their differential resource endowment, historical and geographical factors, availability of infrastructure, etc.
- (e): The Administrative Ministries such as the Ministry of Rural Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development are implementing a number of schemes and programmes relevant to attainment of MDG targets.