

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SCHEMES FOR BPL FAMILIES

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria to identify the Below Poverty Line(BPL) families in the country;
- (b) whether the Union Government has finalized list of BPL families in the country;
- (c) if so, the total number of families, State-wise;
- (d) whether the number of BPL families has been decreasing than the previous years;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government has set any targets to uplift poor from BPL category to above poverty line; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and the various schemes being implemented by the Government for BPL families?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)to(e): 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 areas who could be targeted under its programmes. The last BPL Census was conducted in 2002 using the methodology of score based ranking of rural households for which 13 socio-economic parameters were used on the recommendation of an Expert Group constituted by the Ministry of Rural Development. These are size of land holding, type of houses, clothing, food security, sanitation, ownership of consumer durables, literacy status, household labour force, means of livelihood, status of children, type of indebtedness, migration and preference of assistance. The State/UT-wise details of BPL Households as identified and reported by the States/UTs are at Annexure.

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