

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION  
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASING INEQUALITY BY NSSO REPORT  
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**Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether as per 68th National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) report, the inequality among the people has increased in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND  
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT KUMAR JENA)

(a) & (b) All India Average Monthly Per Capita Expenditure (Rs.) with uniform reference period of 30 days, which can be taken as a measure of level of living, based on three consecutive large scale Household Consumer Expenditure Surveys of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), for lowest and top-most decile classes of Household Consumer Expenditure and also for overall both for Rural and Urban Sectors is given in the Annex. The data in the Annex clearly indicate that the ratios of monthly per capita expenditure as per the provisional results of NSS 68th round between bottom and top decile classes of expenditure both for rural and urban sectors remain more or less similar as corresponding ratios for earlier NSS rounds. This shows uniformity in consumption pattern between the classes over different years.

(c) Government has launched a number of schemes and programmes aimed at generation of employment and/ or income to improve the condition of people. Prominent among such schemes are Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

(MGNREGA), Swarn Jayanti Gram Swarajgar Yojna, Jawaharlal Nehru Urban Renewal Mission, Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojna, etc.