

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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URBAN POVERTY NO
Patil Shri Sanjay Dina

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the urban poverty rate has been declining in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the World Bank has suggested several measures to reduce the urban poverty in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the effective steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

- (a) & (b): Yes Madam. As per the poverty estimates based on Tendulkar Methodology released by the Planning Commission, the percentage of population below poverty line in urban areas has declined from 25.7% in 2004-05 to 20.09% in 2009-10.
- (c) & (d): Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation has not received any suggestion from the World Bank regarding urban poverty.
- (e): The Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) since 1997, which aims at providing gainful employment to the urban unemployed and under-employed poor, through encouraging the setting up of self employment ventures by the urban poor living below the poverty line, skills training and also through providing wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of socially and economically useful public assets.