

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PER CAPITA MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF POOR PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as per the 68th round of survey for the period July 2011 to June 2012 by NSSO, 10% of the urban population had average monthly per capita expenditure (MPCE) of Rs. 702.26 and for rural population the MPCE figure stands at Rs.503.49;
- (b) if so, whether the rural population lives on less than Rs. 17 per day;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to enhance MPCE of rural population to national average during the 12th Plan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. As per the provisional results of 68th round of survey for the period July 2011 to June 2012 by NSSO, the lowest 10% of the urban population had average monthly per capita expenditure (MPCE) of Rs. 702.26 and the lowest 10% of rural population had the MPCE of Rs.503.49.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) In view of (b) above, does not arise.
- (d) Government has given priority to agriculture and rural development with a view to generating adequate productive employment and to accelerate the growth rate of the rural economy. For the development of infrastructure in the villages, the Government is implementing the Prime Ministers Gram Sadak Yojana. The Ministry of Rural Development has been implementing major schemes in areas of rural employment generation, rural housing, rural infrastructure, area development, and social assistance to target groups, which are intended to develop the rural areas and particularly the villages by way of increasing the income and improving the standard of living of the rural population.