

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:426

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BPL CENSUS

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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the percentage of Below Poverty Line (BPL) population has decreased/increased in the recent Socio-Economic and Caste Census/Survey 2011;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all those identified under BPL category have been issued BPL cards and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there was a difference in parameters used to determine BPL population in urban areas as compared to the rural areas; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the BPL population in urban areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No.426 due for answer on 25th April, 2013.

(a) & (b): The percentage of Below Poverty Line (BPL) population is estimated by the Planning Commission based on a large sample survey done by the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). These estimates show decline in the percentage of BPL population from 37.2% in 2004-05 to 29.8% in 2009-10. The Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) has been launched by the Ministry of Rural Development in 2011 to generate socio economic and demographic indicators at the household level across the country.

(c): The identification of BPL households and issuing of BPL cards to them are the job of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration. The BPL cards in the rural areas are issued based on the ranking of the households generated from the information relating to the socio-economic indicators gathered in the BPL census.

(d): The methodology employed by the Planning Commission for determination of BPL population percentage is similar in rural and urban areas.

(e): In view of (d) above, does not arise.