

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NORMS FOR DETERMINING POVERTY

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is uniform norms for defining poverty line in various States across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken to bring uniformity in this regard; and
- (d) the details of the progress made thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (d): The Planning Commission estimates poverty on the basis of monthly per capita consumption expenditure (MPCE) as criteria for defining poverty line. At 2009-10 prices, poverty line is monthly per-capita consumption expenditure of Rs. 673 for rural areas and Rs 860 for urban areas. The poverty lines vary across states due to price differential. State wise poverty lines in Rural and Urban areas are given at Annexure.