

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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AMELIORATION OF RURAL POOR
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that as per the National Sample Survey Organisation, the rural poor live on just Rs. 17 a day;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the schemes aimed at ameliorating the lot of rural people have not yielded desired results;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor along with the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a)&(b) As per National Sample Survey Office(NSSO), 68th Round (July 2011 - June 2012), consumer expenditure data published in Key Indicators of Household Consumer Expenditure in India (NSS KI (68/1.0) the per capita monthly consumption expenditure of bottom 5% of the population in rural area is Rs. 521.44 in 2011-12. The monthly consumption expenditure converted into rupees per day work out to Rs.17.38 in rural area. These are derived by the NSSO using Modified Mixed Recall Period (MMRP).

(c) to (e): Government has direct interventions for poverty reduction through various programmes specially focusing on generation of employment, development of rural infrastructure, strengthening of rural livelihood and providing basic amenities to the rural people. Besides other factors, the implementation of various development schemes like Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)/Ajeevika, National Social Assistance Programme(NSAP) has resulted in reduction of the poverty in rural areas. Poverty ratio declined from 41.8% in rural areas in 2004-05 to 25.7% in the year 2011-12. To ensure effective monitoring of the programmes, the Ministry of Rural Development has evolved comprehensive system of Monitoring and Evaluation of the implementation of its programs. The Government have instituted monitoring mechanism in the guidelines of each of the rural development schemes so as to ensure that the objectives of the schemes are achieved.