

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY URBAN POOR

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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether S.R. Hashim Committee has submitted its report on identification of urban poor for various Government schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has accepted the suggestions made in the report;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which all the suggestions/recommendations are likely to be implemented?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Planning Commission constituted an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of Professor S.R. Hashim to recommend the detailed methodology for identification of families living Below Poverty Line in the urban areas. The Hashim Committee submitted its final report on 24th December, 2012. In its report, the Hashim Committee recommended three stage identification process to identify the families living Below Poverty Line in the urban areas which include automatic exclusion, automatic inclusion, and scoring index of the remaining urban families in this order. The methodology recommended mainly emphasizes on capturing residential, social & occupational vulnerabilities.

(c) to (e): As per approach recommended in interim report of Expert Group, Government launched survey for identification of urban poor along with caste enumeration and rural survey, which is being carried out by respective State Government/UT Administration, as combined Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) – 2011. In its final report, Expert Group, inter- alia, identified indicators for exclusion and inclusion to be applied to SECC data regarding urban households. SECC-2011 has not been completed and decision regarding recommendations made in final report of Expert Group has not been finalised.